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New QEII Portrait On Canada's Stamps

The picture of Queen Elizabeth II that appears on millions of Canadian stamps is soon to be replaced by one "more attractive and up-to-date", according to a recent New York Times item submitted by Jack T. Jennings of Washington, D. C.

The post office department has commissioned four leading Canadian artists to design a better, brighter likeness of Queen Elizabeth—the only living person whose portrait may appear on Canadian stamps.

"We hope to announce a new design in the near future," stated J. R. Carpenter, chief of the Department's philatelic section.

Mr. Carpenter, one of Canada's leading stamp experts, added that "we were never satisfied with the present 'Queen' stamps, first issued in 1954."

These designs were taken from a photograph and were routine in color, design and general treatment.

Red Cross, Antarctic Stamps From France

December 4 was day of release in France of 65c and 2.60 francs stamps noting the Red Cross, according to Theodore Champion, 13 Rue Drouot, Paris 9, France. The duo was repeated in booklets, each containing four stamps of each value.



December 11 brought a single commensal in horizontal format for French Antarctic Territory. The design shows a large portrait of Jean Baptiste Etienne Auguste Charcot (1867-1936). He was an explorer who made Antarctic expeditions in 1903-06 and again in 1908-10.

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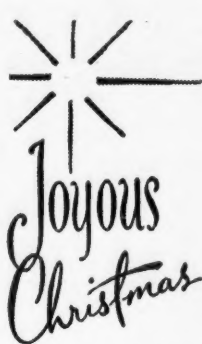
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"First Christmas" Program On Radio Offers Hints To Holiday And Religion Topical Collectors

The man and his young wife looked no different from all the other families straggling into the city on donkeys late that night—except, perhaps, that the woman was surely expecting a child. The city was jammed with people complying with the Emperor's edict, so when the man knocked at the inn door, every room was taken. Finally, the couple took the only shelter they could find, a cave used for the animals.

Today a silver star inscribed in Latin gleams from the floor to mark the humble spot where Christ was born. It reads, "Hic, de Virgine Maria, Jesus Christ natus est" ("Here, of the Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ was born").

In biblical days it took Mary and Joseph five days to travel the 90 miles between Nazareth and Bethlehem. Why would a woman advanced in pregnancy be traveling such a distance? It was because Emperor Caesar Augustus had ordered a census.

All Roman subjects from the Rhine to the Jordan had to return to the cities of their fathers to be

counted. Even the lame and blind had to make the journey, and taxes would be levied after the count. Joseph, a descendant of David, thus had to return with Mary to Bethlehem, the city of David's birth.

Before Jesus was born Joseph prayed, and when he looked up toward the east, he saw a strange thing: over the Mountains of Moab (Continued on page 15)

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50th Year Of Statehood 4c To Depict Famous Shiprock Mesa; Slogan Cancels At Ten Cities

Postmaster General J. Edward Day has announced that the central design of the 4c New Mexico Statehood commemorative stamp to be released January 6 at Santa Fe, N. M., depicts a view of a mesa known as "Shiprock" as adapted from the "New Mexico Magazine", Volume 34, July 1956, No. 7, pages 36 and 37, which was furnished by the Central Library, Department of Interior. This mesa is located in northwestern New Mexico.

The design which underwent several revisions was the work of Robert J. Jones. The vignette was engraved by Richard M. Bower, and the lettering and numeral by Howard F. Sharpless.

The denomination "4c" is located in the upper left-hand corner and across the bottom appears the lettering "New Mexico Statehood" in one line. Just below this are the date "1912" on the left, with the lettering "U.S. Postage" centered, and the date "1962" on the right.

All lettering and the denomination are shown in what is referred to as "white face modified Roman".

This stamp is to measure 0.84 by 1.44 inches, arranged horizontally. It will be printed on the Giori presses in blue (the sky), brown (mesa) and a lighter shade of brown (the earth).

Collectors desiring first day cancellations of the 4c New Mexico Statehood commemorative stamp may send addressed envelopes, together with remittances to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the postmaster, Santa Fe, N. M.

Each envelope must be marked, in pencil, in the upper right corner, indicating the number of stamps to be affixed (singles, pairs, blocks, etc.). An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either turned in or sealed.

The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be clearly marked "First Day Covers New Mexico Statehood Stamp". Orders for New Mexico Statehood first day covers must not include requests for uncanceled stamps, and they must be postmarked not later than January 1.

When the 8c Gen. John J. Pershing stamp, replacing the original 8c "Statue of Liberty" stamp, was placed on sale in New York, N. Y., on November 17, a total of 321,031 first cancellations was applied. In all, 695,167 stamps were sold on that date with a value of \$52,733.36.

These additional cities have been authorized to utilize the special cancellation "50th ANNIVERSARY"

(Continued on page 15)

Iraq Releases New Overprint Officials

The deluge of overprinted stamps has continued in Iraq with the late November release of several new overprinted official stamps on the basic "Emblem" definitives of that country. The set consists of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 fils and "some others" up to the Dinar value, according to J. Hannanay, Box 148, Baghdad, Iraq.



The new officials were overprinted by Swiss printers in a size of type appreciably larger than that used by a local firm in preparing the earlier "ON STATE SERVICE" overprints on the same Emblem set.

The new variety may appear piecemeal, states Mr. Hannanay, as the older issue expires. Values of it— and possibly of the new set as well, when completed—are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100, and 200f. and ½ and one Dinar.

Austria Adds Single "Buildings" Regular

An additional value—20 groschen—in the current definitive set featuring buildings of the nation was released by Austria December 14, according to Edwin Mueller of New York City. It was valid from the 18th.



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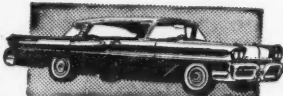
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For the first time in the history of the annual contest, an artist has won for two consecutive years. He is Edward A. Morris, 6824 38th Ave., North, Minneapolis 27, Minn.

The winning design, which the artist calls "Pintails", was selected from 124 drawings submitted to this 13th annual "duck stamp" contest conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service.

Emphasis on "Let 'Em Come In Close" and "Be Sure Before You Shoot" were special requirements for this year's contest. Mr. Morris' sketch of a mallard hen and ducklings, which won last year, appears on the 1961-62 stamp.

Members of the judging committee for this year's contest were: Thomas L. Kimball, Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation; Joseph W. Penfold, Conservation Director, the Isaak Walton League of America; Francis J. McCall, Associate Curator, Division of Philately and Postal History, Smithsonian Institution; and Don McLeod, Chief, Office of Engraving and Plate Manufacturing, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, all Washington, D. C.

Entries for the contest were received from 28 states, the District of Columbia, and from Canada. Fourteen Minnesota artists submitted 18 entries to lead the field. South Dakota had seven entrants, and California, Illinois, and New Jersey six each. Four previous winners entered this year's contest.

A new duck stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department which is in charge of the distribution and sale. It goes on sale on July 1 and expires the following June 30. Every person who has attained the age of 16 and who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to carry a stamp.

The stamp is not valid unless the name of the hunter is written across its face. The duck stamp is required in addition to a State hunting license.

All revenue from the sale of the stamps, other than funds needed to reimburse the Post Office Department for the actual cost of printing and distribution, is used in selecting and acquiring migratory bird areas under the provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act. Normally more than two million stamps are sold annually.

This will be the 29th stamp of the Federal duck stamp series which began in 1934. It is the fourth stamp of the \$3 series.

Belgian "Refugees" Now
In Souvenir Sheet Form

Under date of December 9 the Belgian Postal Administration has announced that a limited number of souvenir sheets combining the 1960 World Refugee Year set of three stamps has been issued.

The size and color of the 1960 values are being retained, with taille-douce printing by the Malines facility. The souvenir sheets were issued for the benefit of three refugee agencies: Caritas Cacholia, Entraide Oecumenique and Entraide Socialiste.

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Copy for January 15 should arrive by December 29, so that it can be given our usual thorough attention. Such cooperation will be greatly appreciated by our employees.

The normal closing late of Wednesday noon, twelve days before publication date will then resume (noon January 10 for the January 22 issue).

Linn's Weekly Stamp News

Czech Butterfly Set,
Trade Union Single

Czechoslovakia has announced the November 27 release of ten stamps—a multicolor set of nine depicting butterflies and a red and blue single to note the Vth World Trade Union Congress held recently in Moscow.



The butterfly designs were done by 88-year-old Max Svabinsky, himself for years a nature lover and student of this family of insects. Values and subjects are listed as 15 haleru Anthocharis Cardamines L.; 20h. Zerynthia hysipyle Sch.; and 30h. Parnassius Apollo L.

Also, 40h. Papilio Machaon L.; 60h. Nymphalis Io L.; 80h. Nymphalis Antiopa L.; 1Kcs. Catocala Fraxini L.; 1.60Kcs. Vanessa Atalanta L.; and 2Kcs. Gonepteryx Rhamni L. All designs were engraved by Jindra Schmidt, with four-color printing by the facility of the Ministry of Transport and Communications. Sheets are of ten subjects each.



The Trade Union item was designed by Mirek Juna and engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmidt. It was printed by combined rotary recess and photogravure by the Post Printing Office in Prague, in sheets of 50.

DECIMAL OVERPRINTS

The figures quoted of quantities issued are taken from CROWN AGENTS BULLETIN. July issue. Most of the new Types offered here are already listed by Stanley Gibbons (see June & July Gibbons Monthly) and we believe will also be listed in 1962 Scott Catalog.

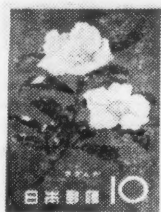
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Photogravure printing, 20 to the sheet, was done by the State printing facility in the quantity of ten million stamps. The design was by Otsuka Hitoshi.

Two weeks later, December 15, brought a 5y. single to note the arrival of the New Year. The design recalls an old popular custom of ascribing good luck and power over assorted evils to the form of a tiger, especially that of a papier-mache toy beast popular in the Izumo region of the Shimane Prefecture.



1962 is, incidentally, the "Year of the Tiger" according to the conventional twelve-animal-cycle of the Japanese calendar. The stamp was designed by Emori Wakana, with printing details and quantity the same as for the Sazanka item.

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A LOVING MARY AND A PROTECTING JOSEPH are featured beside the manger of the Christ Child on Spain's one Peseta purple brown Christmas stamp which was issued December 1. It is not yet known definitely whether the design was derived from a painting or from a wood carving by famous wood-sculptor Salzillo. First day covers of different designs were received from M. Galvez, Principe 1, and Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29, both of Madrid, Spain.

High CURIOSA Honor To Dr. James J. Matejka

The Aero Philatelists' recent annual dinner in New York City was the occasion for the presentation of a major award from CURIOSA, the international airmail exhibition held in The Hague, Netherlands last August.

For his exhibit of the airmail stamps of Newfoundland, Dr. James J. Matejka Jr. of Chicago, Ill., and president of the American Airmail Society, received the second award of honor.

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LEWIS F. TURLEY
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Regarding These Malaria Stamps

In our edition of the 18th December our readers will note that I have approved the handling of the coming Malaria stamps by the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corp., otherwise Mr. Manfred Lehmann. I had been requested by the promoters of these stamps to fight Malaria, to lend any possible help and assistance in putting them over, which is primarily for the raising of funds for WHO. I have been glad to help this program in any way but only after I have assured Mr. Lehmann that I expect to see the release and sale of these stamps to be in a clean and upright manner. That if there is any trace of hijacking the collector in the distribution of any of them that I will condemn and expose it as best I can.



GEORGE W. LINN

I have long condemned the methods of issuing and distributing stamps by these various so-called agencies. I have advised the promoters of these agencies that their tactics will eventually drive all collectors away from the countries issuing stamps in the manner as has become common to these agencies. Already some ASDA (American Stamp Dealers' Assn.) chapters throughout the country are raising objections and they are justified in doing so. Others will undoubtedly follow. The ASDA seems too weak to take any action but some of the more reputable dealers are getting into action. It must be considered that the old time dealer, the man who knows stamps from 1840 on up to date is seeing and realizing what present trends are doing to the hobby and will do to their business. These are the men who must do the work in cleaning up.

Proof that the older and more experienced dealers are seeing what is happening is indicated by letters such as the one we will print below. Proof is also shown that it is not only the modern Agencies that are making a racket out of stamp issuing but that many countries not served by agencies are also making a racket through their own government postal officials. All this is certain to bring a determined effort on the part of smart dealers to protect their collector customers or soon they will not have any collector customers for stamps of such countries.

The following letter from Mr. Bruce Ball of the firm of Douglas Ball of Miami, Florida is just one of many similar ones that have come to our desk in recent weeks. Read the letter, then read what Mr. Ball has to say about some of the Latin American countries and their stamp issuing activities.

"Dear Mr. Linn:

"I am not the crusading type, but I think it is high time the collecting public stand up and voice displeasure in being taken in by the manipulators who are controlling the many new issues offered to the public today. Most of these are simply gummed labels which never see the light of day in the country for which they are issued. My comments on the enclosed copy of our latest New Issue bulletin may surprise you, for it will undoubtedly mean a loss of business for us. However, I believe it is now time to call a spade a spade and clear the air once and for all. If you see fit to use any of my comments, please feel free to do so. We may not win any popularity contest by taking this stand, but it is something which must be said and the sooner the better!

"Sincerely yours,

"Bruce W. Ball"

The following is the above mentioned excerpt from the Ball New Issue Bulletin:

"PLEASE NOTE

"It is becoming increasingly difficult for us to obtain new issues from several of the Latin American countries on a face value basis. Speculative syndicates and individuals operating with the assistance of corrupt government officials within these few countries are able to control an entire issue, in some cases by cornering just one value of a set. This recently occurred in Venezuela with the Bird set which we are distributing at this time. Luckily, our agent in Caracas was able to obtain enough of these for us to take care of our regular subscribers, and we are delivering this set at a price which is about one-half of the current retail asked by other dealers.

"Haiti overprinted 2800 of the Airport souvenir sheets with Boy Scout emblem and these were to have been sold in conjunction with the overprinted set of three stamps. Few, if any of these sheets were made available to the general public, however, and we understand that practically the entire supply was divided among four or five dealers in Port au Prince. In this instance, the Haitian government is to blame for the situation which arose, as a popular item such as this sheet should have been issued in sufficient quantity for all to obtain a fair share—and at face value. The day after the sheets were placed on sale they were sold at prices ranging from four to five dollars each or about six times the actual face value. It is now selling for \$15.00. We do not consider this sheet to be a legitimate postal issue and will not handle it.

"Other recently controlled issues are the Paraguay Animals set and Tennis Championship souvenir sheets, and the Venezuela Engineering School souvenir sheet. Only a small quantity of each of these stamps or sheets was sold to the public (about 5% or less of the total number printed), as a token gesture to legitimize the issue. The balance was controlled and sold at many times face value. We were faced with the dilemma of paying exorbitant prices for these items, or doing without them, and have decided that we would be doing our customers a disservice by passing along these highly questionable items at the inflated prices we would be forced to charge for them.

"We shall continue to supply all new issues which can be obtained on a face basis through legitimate channels of distribution. We will continue to condemn those issues which, in our opinion, are manipulated by greedy and corrupt government officials, profiteers and others whose sole interest it is to bilk the collecting public.

"Douglas P. Ball
"Bruce W. Ball"

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C63 — Regular airmail 15c, revised design. Buffalo, N. Y., January 13.

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1176 — Range Conservation 4c. Salt Lake City, Utah, February 2.
1177 — Horace Greeley Famous American 4c. Chappaqua, N. Y. February 3.

1178 — Ft. Sumter 4c, Charleston, S. C., April 12.

1183 — Kansas Statehood 4c. Council Grove, Kans. May 10.

1044A — Liberty 11c regular, Washington, D. C., June 15.

UC35 — 11c Air-Letter sheet, Johnstown, Pa., June 16.

C62 — 13c Airmail regular, New York, N. Y., June 28.

1184 — Senator Norris 4c, Washington, D. C., July 11.

1185 — 50th Ann. Naval Aviation 4c, San Diego, Calif., August 20.

1186 — Workmen's Compensation Law 50th Anniv. 4c, Milwaukee, Wis., September 4.

1187 — Remington Birth Centenary 4c, Washington, D. C., October 4.

1188 — 50th Anniv. Chinese Revolution 4c, Washington, D. C. October 10.

1189 — Basketball 4c, Springfield, Mass., November 6.

1042A — Pershing 8c regular, New York City, November 17.

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At the recent ASDA Show in New York City I was shown an interesting philatelic piece which ties right in with this season. It is the type thing which is original and sufficiently unusual to be a substantial "hit". It is the work of Joseph B. Kanturek of Flushing, N.Y.

In the center of a 4 1/4" x 6" velum-like piece of paper is a copy of the Basketball commem. It is tied with the first day of issue hand cancel. Above the stamp is the emblem of the New York Knickerbockers professional basketball team—Father Knickerbocker dribbling and driving. At the bottom is wording easily read.

Around the sheet are the autographs of the members of the team. According to Mr. Kanturek similar sheets, stamp, cancel, autographs and all, have been sent as the annual Christmas Greeting card of the Knickerbockers to sports editors, officials and other of the team's friends.

Mr. Kanturek added some sly comment about the current standing of the Knicks with his observation, "The team has been doing rather badly lately. It might be due to writer's cramps because of the many Christmas cards they have autographed!"

Once, again, imagination, plus quality, plus effort has brought forth a clever and desirable philatelic pretty.

1. What body of water is marked in the design of the International Naval Review commem of 1957?
2. The Pure Food and Drug Laws stamp of 1956 had the picture of what person in the design?

A rather notable "pitch" for customers and stamp collecting was made by the Chase Federal Savings and Loan Assn. with five establishments in and around Miami Beach, Fla. It took the form of a third of a page display ad in the Miami Herald of December 6. George P. Firth of Pittsburgh, Pa. generously sent a copy.

In two large illustrations are shown — in the top one, stamps, album and accessories—and the bottom, a Chase Savings Account pass book. The philatelic material is given to children or adults who open an account with Chase, within a limited period.

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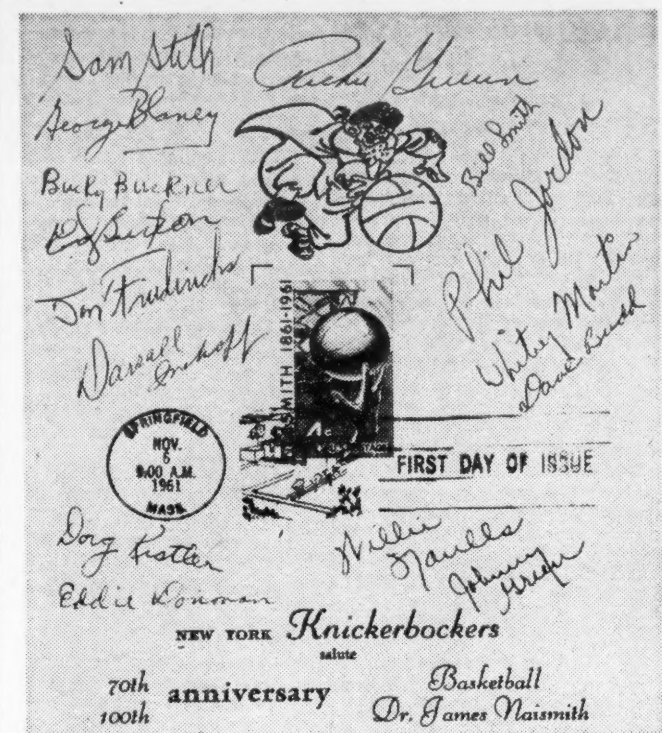
I'm interested to the point where I'd like to know just exactly how many of these offers were taken up by those becoming customers of the firm. If I learn this, will pass the data along to you. In any case, the Savings and Loan Assn. must have thought quite highly of such a beginners outfit for stamp collecting to take it on as a premium offer.

Another newspaper clipping of interest is from the Detroit News mailed in by Sol P. Baltimore of that city. It is a piece by James K. Anderson who apparently is a staff writer. I can't vouch for the information since it has not come here from any other source. Usually with such things, if true, the news comes from several places. However, according to Mr. Anderson—

"The Czechoslovak National Council (CSNC), which has headquarters in Chicago, is protesting to the postmaster general that letters bearing a 15-cent air mail stamp with the Statue of Liberty are not admitted into Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia.

"CSNC is represented in Detroit by Jan Sklenar, a teacher at Chadsey High School who came to the United States as an exile after the Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia in 1948. Sklenar is joining in the national organization's protest.

"According to CSNC's report, some letters sent by Americans to Czechoslovakia bearing the offending stamp are being returned mark-



ed 'Inadmissible' and others are not being delivered."

Most folks know that the Czech red regime barred mail with the Masaryk Champions of Liberty stamps. The Hungarians took the same action against mail with the Lajos Kossuth, Champions. However, if the above is true it would seem to me that the communists are going a little more overboard on the stupid side than usual.

This country has put up with too much from the entire red combine and it's about time reciprocity was equally as arbitrary and definite.

Ever since the Giori Press became an active piece of equipment at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in the production of stamps it has been in the news often. Mostly, because its product is superior in design quality over the formerly used machines. To date, the Frederic Remington commem has been its most notable product.

Unless one is a member of the Bureau Issues Assn., or has access to its publication, "The Bureau Specialist", it hasn't been possible for him to learn much about the Giori, a title by which it is spoken or written about, generally. However, in that publication a series of articles was begun in May 1958 which have appeared in continuation almost every month since. They were written by George W. Brett, vice president of the BIA, who has been a long time contributor to philately, of knowledge pertaining to Bureau produced stamps.

This series has now been collected in book form under the title "The Giori Press", with the assurance it is "A Comprehensive Study of Current Stamp Production at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing". Of 109 pages of coated paper stock, it is lavishly illustrated with photographs and sketches not only of the printing process itself, but also of the many varieties which have appeared on stamps Giori-produced.

A number of the latter have been pictured and written about in these U. S. Notes.

If one is at all interested in Giori Press printed stamps this book is indispensable. There are few questions which go unanswered and few aspects of the process which aren't covered. It is the most modern and authoritative reference book one could use to add to his philatelic knowledge. I heartily recommend its purchase.

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I asked some dealers and collectors here if they knew anything about the reason.

"Yes," they said, "it must be because people did not have too much of money during that period. We had in Europe as well as in America a depression and very many lost their jobs. So they did not have any money to buy mint stamps with."

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The Swedish Kronur is equal to about 20c U.S., so that the set of three new Swedish handbooks on that nation's philately which were offered on page 4 of the December 4 Linn's at "72 Krona (\$1)" should have read "72 Krona (\$14)".

Any collectors who may have ordered at the erroneous figure should send proper additional funds to Mr. Miltander or expect the return of their insufficient \$1 remittances. The actual price for the three books is \$14, plus postage; total \$15 post-paid.

I think it is a correct conclusion, and—if it is correct—the quantities of these stamps available are much less than the catalogs tell us. In other words, they are under-valued compared with later stamps, so it would be a good idea to buy them mint if you need them in your collecting. Sooner or later they will be increasing in cost.

Also, the demand for Nobel stamps shows an upward trend here. The Nobel catalog, printed in English and published by a Swedish publisher, is on the market now.

It resulted, for instance, that the Selma Lagerlof stamp in 30 ore coils was completely sold out from the Philatelic Agency the same day the catalog was announced!

So it would be an idea to save the Nobel stamps of the world. I found in the catalog that there are about 270 of them, many issued by the U.S.A.

I asked the publisher recently why he issued his catalog in the English and not in the Swedish language. He said that Nobel seems to be a typical international topical area, so it is natural that the book be printed in English, the biggest language in the world.

In an earlier article in Linn's I promised to buy the catalog for you if you are interested. The price is \$1.40 plus postage—total \$1.60 post-paid.

"Which part of Swedish philately is the most interesting one?"

This is a question not easy to answer, but all of us have an opinion, and I vote for the earliest coil stamps minted from 1920 and later. They give you a real philatelic study.

I have mentioned before that the Swedish General Post Office in 1920 changed from sheet to coil-printing for our stamps. Most of the machines were bought from the U.S.A.

The first type printed on the new machines became the lion type (in Facit Nr. 140 and later). You can find from your catalog, that there exist several types of them and that very few are listed in Scott.

Another interesting set is the regulars of the same time. All show the King's portrait in left profile (Facit Nr. 175 and later). Let us have a study of the 20 ore denomination:

It exists in three colors: violet, red and orange. The violet is the most interesting. It exists in coils as well as sheets. Of the coil stamp the following varieties have been found (values are given for mint condition):

Pale ultramarine violet on yellowish paper, 80c; the same on greenish paper, \$3; on white woven paper, \$2.40; on common white paper, 5c; and on thin, porous paper, \$3.

In brownish or grayish lilac on yellowish paper it is \$1, while on paper watermarked with lines it is \$200. On paper with lines and KPV it is unpriced. The cracked plate variety is \$10.

I suppose that such a list of varieties would make you confused, but I promise you that these stamps are easier to collect than you would ever think, and they would give you really philatelic pleasure.

Another question: "Do you have a FDC service?"

The answer is "no"; I have no time. As mentioned earlier, you can get the FDC's of Sweden on white envelopes for face if you write directly to the Philatelic agency, Pack, Stockholm 1.

The third question today is a common one: "Do you fill want lists?"

During recent months I have made so many "offers" that they have kept me busy, and as a result I have not had time for filling want lists. Now, though, I would like to say:

If your dealer in the States cannot get the stamps for you, feel free to send me your want list of Scandinavian stamps. I have, however, no stock and I am not a dealer, which means that I have to buy the stamps you want, from dealers here.

If you will read your Facit, you will find out what you—and I—have to pay. When I get your want list and your check, I will visit my favorite dealers here and see what they can do for you.

I wish to repeat, however, that it is a good thing for you to visit your own dealer first of all. Also, read the ads in Linn's and see if the stamps are advertised there. My offer is intended to be a complement to your own dealer, as I understand that many varieties can hardly be had over there.

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"Situation" In India; Stamps Withdrawn, Used As Officials, Then Returned To Public Sale

Dhirubhai Mehta

The Philatelic Bureau at the GPO, Bombay recently sold some of the annas and pies values of India postage stamps which were earlier withdrawn and sale prohibited by a public notice (No. 23 dated August 28, 1959, issued by Posts & Telegraphs Department). Protest has been lodged with the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, New Delhi, and the Presidency Post Master, Bombay, against the sales of these stamps.

With the introduction of the decimal coinage, the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department introduced a new series of stamps in the Naya Paisa denominations (April 1957). The Department also allowed the current annas and pies denominations of the stamps to be used side by side, to avoid any inconvenience to its patrons.

However, the use of these annas and pies stamps was discontinued by Public Notice No. 23 of August 28, 1959, the post office prohibiting the sale of stamps of annas and pies denominations other than those of 4, 8 and 12 annas and 1.8 Rupees.

Presumably the exception was made because these denominations could be conveniently converted into naya paisa without any fractions being involved. By notification No. 23 dated August 28, 1959, the POD authorized the issue of these public postage stamps to the Government offices for their use as service postage stamps on official Government mail. Admittedly, it was done to avoid loss to the Government that would arise from the destruction of these stamps. The issue of these values to the various Government Departments created some confusion when the public used the stamps of 4, 8 and 12 annas and 1.8R. Furthermore, the use by the Government offices of annas and pies values of public postage stamps without any overprint on the stamps which were withdrawn and sale prohibited to the public is highly undesirable.

Sale at Bureau—It was however, a little while ago that the sale of these stamps started at the Philatelic Bureau, Bombay and immediately the attention of the authorities was drawn by the writer to the fact that these stamps had been withdrawn from sale to the public and therefore they should not be restored to public sale.

Otherwise, it was emphasized, such selling would not only create hardship but cause the post office to be accused of "selling remainders", which is highly objectionable and against the interest of philately. The Presidency Post Master, Bombay, immediately stopped the sale of these stamps at the Philatelic Bureau, and is awaiting further orders from higher authorities.

A very interesting situation has been created by the use of annas and pies stamps for official use. The service stamps which are intended for use by the government offices are normally distinguishable from the public postage stamp and are not sold to the public.

However, to meet the philatelic demand the post office is selling these stamps to the philatelists through its philatelic counters, under certain conditions.

These conditions have been prescribed by rules which include the buying of a minimum 6.50R. (\$1.43) worth of stamps. A 2% commission is charged on such sale by the Philatelic Bureau. This procedure is not followed in the sale of annas and pies stamps.

As the annas and pies postage stamps have not been either overprinted "service" or otherwise made distinguishable from the stamps originally issued for the use of the public, it is felt that these stamps must come in a different category.

Moreover, the sale of these items must be prohibited to the public, otherwise the POD might be blamed for selling off its "reminders" as "Service" adhesives.

Under this pretext the POD could dispose of almost all its stocks if it wished. A very definite line is required to be drawn between the regular "Service" stamps and these annas and pies values which have been used as Service stamps.

It is highly regrettable that it has been represented to the Postal Administration that since the annas and pies stamps are used as Service stamps they may be sold to the philatelists. Why? There is no answer.

In some cases, the Post Office has been asked to exchange regular Service stamps for the annas and pies adhesives. Those responsible hardly know or realize what harm they have done to the hobby and to the trade—instead of agitating for the total prohibition of the use of the annas and pies stamps, they have induced the authorities to sell them to philatelists. I would therefore urge that the postal authorities give serious thought to all aspects of this matter before issuing any further order for the sale of annas and pies issues. The Posts and Telegraphs Department will be advised to consult the Philatelic Advisory Committee on this point. The writer is of the opinion that both the sale of the annas and pies stamps and their use be government offices as "service" franking should be stopped.

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We can report '61 was a banner philatelic year as we have received mail from about 100 different countries and the international pathways to our mailbox were always filled with bits of news pertaining to the philatelic world.

The hard story of 1961 was the February 14 date, for on that day South Africa began to use the decimal monetary system with South Africa, Basutoland, Bechuanaland, and Swaziland issuing overprinted stamps which are already classics. The rarest is the fourth printing of the 25c on 2/6 (Swaziland) which was produced in about 240 copies in all (as of mid-December).

Early in 1961 (January) Pakistan began the use of the decimal system of currency and here too came some classics as there are many varieties, colors, shades, and errors due to the haste in producing various overprints.

These items have caused the philatelic world to study stamps, as scientific treatment is necessary regarding the size of overprints, colors, spelling, etc., if one is to bring out the highlights of these stamps from Pakistan.

April 15 saw Tristan da Cunha issue some decimal stamps, and little did the world dream that by the year's end Tristan would no longer be a stamp-issuing authority. This is perhaps one of the great losses to the philatelic world and especially to the many collectors who have long made the cancels of this remote land a portion of their hobby.

April also saw Yuri Gagarin of the Soviet Union orbit the earth and along came flocks of space stamps from the Iron Curtain countries. In May we put our first man into space (Cmdr. Alan Shepard) and stamps came from at least one country to honor the event.

In fact, the big news besides the decimal stamps can be the space stamps and covers of various nations showing the space activity of the nation issuing the stamp, or perhaps a cancel on blast-off date.

The turmoil in Africa brought UN action, stamps with overprints, inverted overprints, colors missing, etc. Yes, 1961 was a year chuck-full of philatelic history tied in with world history.

We must reflect a bit on our mail; frankly, some dealers will not like what we report at this time, but report it we must because it is in the philatelic story of 1961.

Collectors are tired of the rash of overprints, errors and high values which are played up by some dealers. It appears that dealers place adds calling items "rare", or "scarce" while the true facts are not there to substantiate the ads.

Many readers have written us about various African overprints, so-called errors, and like material. Some paid many dollars for these items, and we do hope 1962 will see some rather objective ads placed by dealers, with a little less ballyhoo.

In our opinion several postal authorities have hurt themselves in '61. We know San Marino will lose some stamp dollars because of its Europa situation. So also, will the agencies operating in the States which issue the souvenir sheets and sell Christmas labels under the guise of stamps—they are not fooling the pros.

We know from our mail that much of the material is no longer being bought as these things are made for the philatelist. The makers use a few for postage but most go to dealers.

A stamp-issuing country must first think about its postal service, not the fast grab for the philatelic dollar. Mail to us in 1961 does not speak high of philatelic agencies operating outside the mother countries, and we hope these men review their business practices in 1962.

Collectors who wrote in 1961 also show that our hobby today is not merely a hobby but also a form of investment. About one out of five letters asks about the values of

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The France & Colonies Group, founded in 1941 by members of The Collectors Club interested in French philately, has been incorporated under the laws of the State of New York as the France & Colonies Philatelic Society.

While the organization has grown to more than 300 members, the purpose and objectives have remained the same... to provide a common meeting ground for those interested in French Philately, to encourage the study of French philatelic history, and to provide an effective means of exchanging this information around the members.

The organization's bimonthly publication "The France & Colonies Philatelist", name remains the same. It is the only philatelic publication printed in the United States in English that is devoted exclusively to French philately.

The incorporation of the organization was undertaken because the group had no legal entity, yet needed to commit obligations in publishing its France & Colonies Philatelist.

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Stamps are not to be collected for investment. We feel that art, history, science, geography, and other factors must come first with the investment angle a poor last.

However, to satisfy the thirst for this type of collecting (for we say collect what you wish and how you wish) we add that stamps of 100 years in age or better, in good condition, are the tops. U.S.A., Canada, France, and Germany are the old standbys, with contemporary issues of Ryukyu, Cambodia, Laos, and Viet Nam holding prices at this time.

The most artistic stamps in 1961 came from British Colonies. We can report that British stamps are the best designed; they are highlights of art and reflect the greatness of the country for which they see postal service.

The Soviet foil stamp issued recently must get a vote for its artistic design with a rocket theme. Perhaps 1962 will see the philatelic world using material other than paper for stamps. We feel foil is most interesting and we hope to see more issues on this type of base.

In our opinion the future holds some actual orbit mail which will go out into space and be returned in 1962. Also, several countries will break with philatelic agencies operating outside the mother countries for in our opinion these nations will desire stamps for postal service and not solely for collectors.

A new bold air mail society will be formed soon. We have been approached by collectors asking about a Universal Air Mail Society with world-wide membership and we think 1962 may bring such a group in the world.

Contacts with foreign collectors will reach peak proportion in 1962. Today many collectors desire such pen-pals and we feel this will be a banner year for exchanges.

The continent of Africa will make philatelic history again in 1962, for here is history on the march. The prizes here will be cancels and post-ed letters, and not the mint stamps sold by dealers.

Europa issues in 1962 will be printed in huge quantities as postal units know they only hurt themselves when they print popular issues in limited quantities.

This column will take visits all over the globe; we have stories to tell about all the countries which issue stamps for postal service. We shall tell the Decimal story of 1961 and we hope to include our Airlines articles again in 1962.

Of collectors we ask merely that they inclosed stamped addressed envelopes to us in order to obtain a reply about any material we mention. Stampdom has a number of freeloaders who feel when they read about an item that merely a post-card will bring an answer. This is not the case. Use common sense in writing editors or collectors—postage is a major bill when many letters are involved.

This is our review of 1961. We were glad to cover many postal events and our columns gave news in advance of many events and will continue to do so as long as we know the readers are with us.

May 1962 be a great philatelic year to one and all.

ATA Journalism Unit Offers News Bulletin

The Joseph Pulitzer Journalism Unit of the American Topical Assn. has just issued the winter edition of its informative and illustrated "News-Bulletin".

It features articles on the recently issued set by the Vatican honoring its newspaper "L'Osservatore Romano", and on Rigoberto Cabezas, Nicaraguan journalist recently honored by a set of six stamps from that country.

A last-minute inclusion is an account of Hal "Mark Twain" Holbrook, the actor who has played the part of Mark Twain more than 1850 times during the past 13 years. He is—"temporarily", he states—giving up the role to enter other fields of the theatrical and entertainment world.

The News-Bulletin is edited by Allyn H. Wright, president of the Journalism Unit. Mary A. Orpin, prominent philatelic writer, is assistant editor.

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Otto Boutin

The Italian Renaissance offers a challenge to the philatelist who enjoys a bit of scholarship with his hobby. At the mention of the Renaissance people immediately think of Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, yet these were but two of the hundreds of great men who lived in Italy in the three golden centuries between 1300 and 1600 A.D.

The Renaissance was not an era of artists alone. The human mind, slumbering through the stagnant Middle Ages, suddenly awakened to contemplate the wonders of the world.

Marco Polo came back from Cathay with fabulous tales of the Orient. Columbus kept insisting there was land beyond the Atlantic. Galileo saw in the mysterious heavens other worlds as great as our own.

Boccaccio, with piquant short stories, immortalized the ribald misbehavior of dukes and duchesses. Petrarca turned the vernacular Italian language into lyric poetry, extolling the beauty of his unattainable Laura.

And Dante wrote poetry in an epic vein, dedicating it to Beatrice, his childhood sweetheart, whom he loved all his life—from a distance.

It was an age of high finance, with the Medicis of Florence holding mortgages on some of the most lavish castles in Europe. It was an age of strife between kings and popes, who fought over the divine power to levy taxes.

It was a time when Savonarola became a great public hero, leading enthusiastic throngs through the streets—only to be eventually hanged by his public, stoned while dangling from the scaffold, and then burned so that his ashes could be thrown into the river and washed from human memory.

It was a period of nobility and treachery; of beautiful art and deplorable filth; of religious fervor and rampant crime; of golden salt shakers and bleak hunger.

The artists of the Renaissance have preserved for us portraits of the people who made history, and many of these pictures have been reproduced on stamps.

The collector will do well to start with one of the earliest artists, Giotto, whose work is shown on stamps of the Vatican (1949). In his pictures we see the breaking away from Byzantine lifelessness. He was working from observation rather than from petrified imagination.

The paintings of Mantegna reveal a striving to learn the secrets of perspective through geometry and gradations of color (Germany 1957; Italy, 1958).

In the clear-cut style of Castagno we see the courage to abandon religious themes and devote the brush to mortal men (Italy, 1932). The madonnas get more earthy through the years as the artists discover they can paint mortal women as well as saintly ones.

For lucrative rewards they paint noblemen's wives, bedecked in splendid dresses; they also paint noblemen's mistresses, adorned by nothing at all.

Botticelli, Madonna (Liechtenstein, 1951); The Three Graces, probably Medici's mistresses (U.S.A., 1946); Leonardo da Vinci, Virgin of the Rocks (Italy, 1952); Ginevra de Benici, a nobleman's wife (Liechtenstein, 1949).

In the 1500's we come to the age of the giants. Michelangelo already had created some of the greatest statues of all times (Pietà, Argentina, 1951).

Now he was lying flat on his back on a scaffold 60 feet high, painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Portions of this work are reproduced on stamps of the United States (1958) and Libya (1924).

Leonardo da Vinci doesn't quite know whether to keep on experimenting with the flying machine (Italy, 1932) or, after four years of dawdling, to finish Mona Lisa, his attempt to capture the human spirit on canvas (Germany, 1951).

Raphael, the gentle soul, is earning his reputation of being the sweetest painter of all times. He gathers the best qualities of all the beautiful women he has loved and blends them into a single portrait (Sistine Madonna, Saar, 1954; Germany, 1955).

But he is a busy painter—when not painting charming women he produces epic scenes of history, like the picture showing Pope Leo bargaining with Attila the Hun, promising him, among other things, a

young bride for his harem if he will spare Rome (Vatican, 1955).

Meanwhile in Venice there is Titian, living in splendor, yet constantly seeking more commissions from nobility. In his 71st year he crossed the Alps to paint King Charles V (Salvador, 1946; Spain, 1958).

He keeps painting until the age of 99 when, still robustly creative, he succumbs to the plague.

The art of the Renaissance was so varied and its painters were so highly individualistic that a collector can find whatever he seeks, from the saintliness of Fra Angelico (Italy, 1955; Vatican, 1955; Spain, 1956) to the sensuousness of Corregio (Argentina, 1956).

A comprehensive gallery of the paintings of the Renaissance is available to the stamp collector who enjoys the excitement of seeking them out. To aid them along, an album devoted to the painting of the Italian Renaissance will soon be published by the K-Line Publishing Co. of Berwyn, Ill.

(Editor's note—this article by Mr. Boutin was scheduled for the Fine Arts topical edition of Linn's De-

cember 11, but its arrival was delayed by circumstances beyond the author's and Linn's control. It is accordingly presented at this time).

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A PREVIEW for SIXTY-TWO

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On-The-Spot Expert Untangles Gordian Knot Of Lebanon's '61 Provisionals And Definitives

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The expected flood of new Lebanese stamps to replace demonetized issues and exhausted stocks of 1960 began in the spring of 1961, little by little, like the intermittent streams started by the melting snow of Mount Lebanon.

There were no first days of issue, and one could never tell when, where or in what quantities a new stamp would show up in the country's large or small post offices, nor was any attempt made to issue the stamps according to denominations, or in logical order.

Stateside dealers, seeing or hearing of new "sets" which their regular Middle East supplier had "failed" to send them, criticized the latter. The Beirut dealers were actually trying to accumulate complete sets before supplying!

It was not until October, about seven months after the first new stamps began to appear that the last value (the 10 piasters violet airmail with a view of Tyre) was issued and dealers could mail out complete sets.

Putting things in order is something like assembling the pieces of a jig-saw puzzle, but here is the final tally:



Design I, Item 1

Provisionals (odd values, no complete sets) - 1) 2½p. dark gray green, small format Cedar of Lebanon (Design I). This carries the imprint of designer V. Pliss and is similar to his earlier "small cedar" types (the tree, that is) but with the country name in large block letters in French at bottom left, instead of centered, and with large clear Arabic country name to right.

Values, in upper corners, are larger and easier to read than on earlier Pliss types, and the bilingual postal inscription is also quite legible, flanking the base of the tree. The press imprint is "I. C. BEY-ROUTH" (the Catholic Press of St. Joseph's University) instead of J. Saikali, where Pliss' earlier cedar types were printed.



Design II, Items 2-4

2) 15p. lake (airmail) Junie Bay and Maameltain, with Casino de Liban. Designed by J. A. Kufedjian and printed by the Saikali Press, it is inscribed "Baie de Maameltain".

This not unattractive provisional (Design II) does much more credit to the beautiful Bay of Junie, north of Beirut, than the previous 200p. monstrosity described in an earlier number of this paper. For one thing, the Casino de Liban at Maameltain is shown at the upper right in its correct size and perspective.

3) 30p. turquoise blue (airmail, same design).

4) 40p. black brown (airmail, same design).



Design III, Items 5-7

5) 2½p. orange, small format Cedar of Lebanon. (Design III). Also by Pliss, but without the shading and sky and clouds effect around the tree, and printed by the Saikali Press.

The net impression of this stamp is that the design is less clear, smaller and less attractive than the Catholic Press type.

6) 5p. claret (same design); the figures of value are very clear and distinct.

7) 10p. dark gray (same design and observation as for 6).

Postage Definitives

8) 2½p. claret, General Post Office and Post, Telegraph and Telephone Department Building, Beirut

has a too-white, washed-out effect, like an overexposed photo.

Airmail Definitives



Design V, Items 12-14

12) 35p. olive green, the traffic circle on entering Beirut from the north, at the suburb of Doura (Design V). This is a Point 4 (International Cooperation Administration) autostrad which leaves Beirut for Tripoli. It is finished almost to Junie Bay at the present time.

The autostrad is at upper center and left. To the right are the old highway and street car terminus. It was designed by Koroleff and printed by the Cortbawi Press, with marginal inscription: "Autostrade Dora".

13) 50p. bistre brown (same design).

14) 100p. black (same design)

Postage Definitives



Design VI, Items 15-19

15) 15p. (0.50p.) green, deep inside the old Grove of Cedars of Lib-

(Design IV). This is the same building as shown on Scott's Type A49 of 1953 but is a full front view instead of the left side entrance only as on the earlier stamps.



Design IV, Items 8-11

It was designed by Paul Koroleff and printed at the new Cortbawi Press and is quite satisfactory in general appearance. All inscriptions are clearly set forth in the bottom panel and the main design is uncluttered and attractive. It is inscribed "Hotel des Postes".

9) 5p. emerald green (same design).

10) 15p. Prussian blue (same design).

11) 15p. blue (same design); the color difference between these two 15p. stamps is clear and striking. The Prussian blue variety has somewhat of an oily and smudged appearance, but is a richer and darker stamp than the ordinary blue one, where the Post Office building

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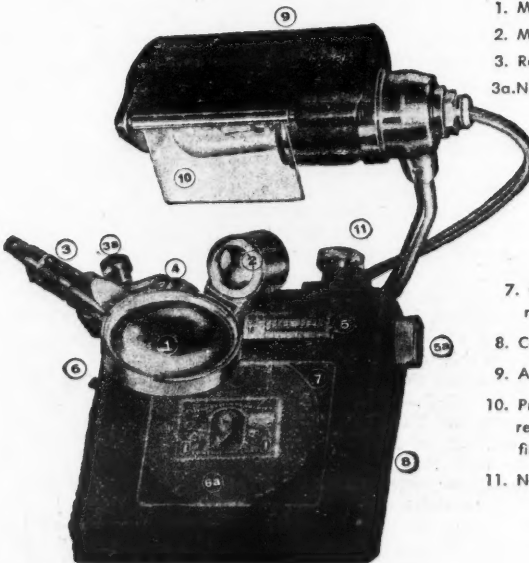
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ON THE SPOT (Continued from page 10)

oldest of these Biblical trees, close to 2000 years in age, and three or four smaller trees are shown in this design by Paul Koroleff, executed by the Saikali Press and inscribed "Les Cedres".

Although the country name is legible in the center of the bottom panel, the figures of value are not, and cannot be read by a person who normally uses reading glasses, without his glasses, unless in very strong light. Here the artist has sacrificed clarity to give us an excellent view of the cedar grove!

- 16) 1p. black brown (same design).
- 17) 2½p. ultramarine (same design).
- 18) 5p. crimson (same design).
- 19) 7½p. violet (same design).



Design VII, Items 20-23

20) 10p. black violet (Design VII), a view of the town of Zahleh, in the high inland valley of the Bekaa, between Mount Lebanon and the Anti-Lebanon range. Design by Koroleff, Saikali Press, inscribed: "Zahle".

- 21) 15p. blue gray (same design).
- 22) 50p. dark green (same design).
- 23) 100p. gray black (same design).

Airmail Definitives



Design VIII, Items 24-28

24) 5p. magenta, port-side view of the ancient Phoenician city-state of Tyre, Mother of Carthage, conquered and destroyed by Alexander the Great in the 3rd Century B. C. (Design VIII).

The buildings seen on the left of the stamp are built on the isthmus formed over the causeway which Alexander built to connect the island city to the mainland during the siege. A Koroleff-Saikali product, inscribed "Tyr".

- 25) 10p. violet (same design).
- 26) 15p. turquoise blue (same design).
- 27) 20p. orange brown (same design).
- 28) 30p. blue green (same design).



Design IX, Items 29-32

29) 40p. purple, the grotto of Afqa, with the River of Adonis pouring out of it (Design IX). This is the scene of the legend of the death of Adonis, in Mount Lebanon, east of Byblos.

It was here in the sacred grotto that the handsome young god died in the arms of his lover, the goddess Astarte (Ashtarot-Venus), after being mortally wounded on the hunt by a wild boar.

The river which flows forth from the cave from its underground source each year is said to run red with the blood of Adonis each spring-

time. Actually, it is red ochre from the ravine banks which stains the river.

As the grotto is at the base of a 1000-foot cliff, it is a truly spectacular and scenic spot, in addition to the romance which surrounds it due to the legend of the days of the gods. (Koroleff-Saikali; "Afka")

- 30) 50p. ultramarine (same design).
- 31) 70p. dark green (same design).
- 32) 100p. brown black same design).

This makes a total of 31 major and one minor varieties of provisional and regular stamps for 1961. Supplies are believed to be adequate to last until mid-1962, when we may safely expect a repetition of the process.

As for quality, most of the printing work is mediocre and the general effect unprepossessing.

Note of this has been taken by the stamp advisory board and efforts are being made to get the government either to extend a larger budgetary provision for better printing locally (several of the presses, including the Catholic Press, are

equipped to do first-class jobs, but not on low-budget "economy" issues), or to print again in Vienna or elsewhere abroad.

The Children's Day commemorative issue, originally scheduled for late summer or early autumn, was printed by these same methods. It was so bad that the Minister of Communications ordered destruction of the entire printing, unissued, and directed that a new attempt be made to turn out something more creditable.

One of the greatest difficulties in improving the Lebanese philatelic situation, now that speculative and controlled issues have been done away with, is the fact that the persons who hold the purse strings with regard to stamp printing are not philatelically minded.

Furthermore, they are isolationists in that they insist on having the printing jobs done locally, even though they will not extend enough money to get as good a printing job as is possible here in Beirut. How to get around this one is one of the problems now facing the stamp advisory board.

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Shown above during a recent visit to the Jacques Minkus operated stamp and coin section of the Woodward and Lothrop Dept. Store in Washington, D. C. are Hatim Elmekki (left) and Howard Hotchner, an area director of the Voice of America project. Mr. Elmekki is a famous Tunisian artist and designer of a number of that new nation's recent stamps. The two men are looking over his design for the new Minkus album for the stamps of Tunisia, Libya and Morocco.

Tunisian Artist Visits States

The well-known Tunisian artist and stamp designer, Hatim Elmekki, is currently touring the United States as commissioner for an exhibition of contemporary Tunisian paintings. He recently showed the attractive works, including 11 of his own, at the Carnegie Endowment Center, across from the United Nations Headquarters, in New York City.

In November the exhibit was displayed in Washington. While visiting the nation's capital Mr. Elmekki stopped in at the Stamp and Coin Department in Woodward and Lothrop at the invitation of Jaques Minkus, supervisor of the operation. Here for two hours, he stepped behind the counter to answer questions from collectors about his work, and sign autographs on the stamps he designed.

While there, an Area Director for The Voice of America, Howard Hotchner, met him and discussed stamps as a vital factor in communication between the world's people. The Elmekki philosophy is that humor on stamps can create much interest and reflect the independence of a people, as well as appeal to collectors.

The visiting artist also showed the background story leading up to his Tunisian Stamp Day commemorative design of 1960. Both collectors and "nons" will find this sequence of sketches leading to a finished design interesting as it shows how this particular artist follows his inspiration, he freely expressing himself in a humorous way through stamps.



The first rough sketch was to convey the idea of communication which his young free country intended to honor. The drawing depicts a postman on a horse or camel, who is also involved not only in delivering mail but in telephoning, and in sending out telegraph messages by pressing a telegraph key—truly a man who is not at a loss for activity.

The second sketch shows the carrier somewhat more confused at the thought of carrying through his plans, with the animal nipping him. However, by the third drawing Elmekki has substantiated his theme, and in this well organized sketch depicts the carrier on a camel. With legs crossed he is managing to carry out his mission in communication.

In the final design all the lettering has been clearly inscribed, with "Republique Tunisienne" in French and Arabic, and "Journée Du Timbre 1960", the issue's commemorative theme.

This design is but one example of the many stamps 42-year-old Hatim Elmekki has created to tell the world of the inventiveness Tunisia has been incorporating in her stamps. He has seen his efforts rewarded with response throughout the world by collectors and the public who study his work, learning something about his technique and his country.



Stamp Groups Hosts At Arizona FD Sale

The Arizona State Semi-Centennial Commission has named the Phoenix Philatelic Assn. and the Arizona Society of Topical Philatelists as the official hosts for the first day of

issue ceremonies of the Arizona Statehood commemorative stamp which will be issued in Phoenix February 14.

The joint societies will also issue the only official first day cover for the celebration and first day of the stamp. The designers of the stamp — Jimmie Ihms and James

Chemi — will also design the official first day cover.

In a joint announcement, Presidents Vera Campbell (ASTP) and Robert E. Ditzler (PPA) revealed that this FDC cachet will be reproduced in multicolor to coincide with the Post Office Department's plans to issue the new stamp in several colors.

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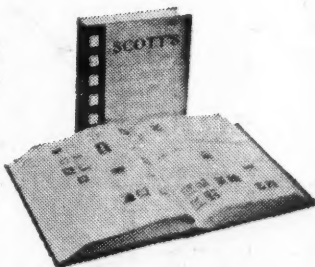
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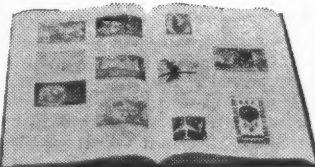
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The Vatican's Christmas and Pope John's birthday sets were both placed on sale on the same day—November 25. The Christmas trio is by a Chinese artist.

The Pope's 80th Birthday set consists of six values with a total face of 290 Lire, marking the 80th birth anniversary of Pope John XXIII. The lowest and the highest of the denominations (10 and 115 L.) are the work of Piero Grassellini, while the other four are by Eduardo Pizzi.



Printing is by photogravure, on paper watermarked with crossed Papal keys and perforated 14, in panes of 40 subjects.

Each stamp is inscribed around the sides and top with the legend, "LXXX Aetatis Anno Ioannis XXIII Pont. Max. Expleto" (Pope John XXIII has completed 80 years of life).

Designs and details: 10L. brown and gray, inscribed "Insigne familiae Roncalli" (Arms of the Roncalli family), with coat of arms to match. Roncalli is the family name of the present Pope.

25L. gray green and yellow brown-inscription, "In Eccl. S. Mariae Oppi Sub Monte Baptizatus XXV-XI-MDCCCLXXXI" (Baptized in the church of St. Mary Under the Mountain on November 25, 1881), with design showing the church itself.

30L. brown, violet and lilac-inscription, "Romae in Eccl. S. Mariae in Monte S. Cto. Sacerdos Initiatu X-VII-MCMIV" (Ordained at Rome in the Church of St. Mary in Monto Santo on August 10, 1904), with vignette of the church.

40L. violet and lilac-inscription, "Rome in Bas. SS. Ambrosi et Caroli Episcopus Consecratus XIX-III-MCMXXV" (Consecrated as Bishop at Rome in the Basilica of Ambrose and Charles on March 19, 1925). Again the vignette shows the church in question.



70L. brown and gray-inscription, "Summus Pontifex Electus XXVIII-X-MCMLVIII" (Elected Highest Pontiff on October 23, 1958). Vignette of Pope's throne.

The 115L. brown and gray features a vignette of Pope John XXIII. The newspapers report that the Pope spent his 80th birthday in an excursion outside the Vatican on the Janiculum Hill, where he said mass at the college for the Propagation of the Faith for some 290 students from 60 nations, whom he then addressed.

He thereupon returned to his normally busy schedule, receiving many visitors, which on this day included his close personal colleagues, and appearing at a public audience for a large delegation of Austrian pilgrims.

Chinese Madonna—The second of the sets is the now-traditional Christmas issue. The third in the series, it is inscribed, as in the past, "Nativitas D.N.I. Christi" (Birth of Our Lord Christ).



The surprise lies in the fact that the design was created by a Chinese

Club Offers Souvenirs Of Monastery Festival

The Los Angeles Chapter of the Vatican Philatelic Society has a few extra copies of an unusual souvenir it prepared for the September Fall Festival of the Benedictine Monastery at Valyermo, Calif.

Two cards show different views of the Monastery and have the Vatican St. Meinrad stamp on the picture side, canceled at Vatican City. On the address side is a U. S. Credo stamp, postmarked at Valyermo September 23.

While supplies last cards are \$1 each, from Ray Tierce, 3368 Santa Ana, South Gate, Calif., with proceeds going to the monks at St. Andrews Priory, Valyermo.

artist, Luca Ch'en.

There are three denominations, each in multicolor—a 15L. with a gray green border, 40L. with gray border, and 70L. with lilac border. The design shows the traditional Madonna and Child, with Chinese characters at the lower left.

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Postal Stationery—We are in receipt of the "Handbook of Elizabethan Postal Stationery" 1962 edition, compiled by Robert F. Quirk, which should be the answer to the problems of so many collectors of this type material.

Mr. Quirk has done an excellent job of compilation, which shows the result of much studious research. We were amazed at the wealth of information recorded in this 85-page handbook.

It lists over 900 items issued during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, about which Mr. Quirk is a knowledgeable student, since he has served with distinction as editor of the Journal of the Queen Elizabeth II Commonwealth Collectors' Society.

All types of stationery are listed in orderly manner by country of origin with details of size, paper, color, date of issue, and other pertinent facts faithfully recorded.

Details on varieties and errors are provided in explanatory notes. No attempt at pricing has been made since this is primarily a checklist and not a catalogue.

The study provides a long-needed stationery compilation for this increasingly popular branch of philately. It is available from the author for \$2; address: 11 East St., Danvers, Mass.

Tanganyika—In addition to the new definitive "Independence Issue" released December 9, this new nation has overprinted eight values for official use. These consist of the 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 50c, 1/- and 5/- denominations.

The "Official" overprint is being type-set locally and as are their basic counterparts, are prepared in sheets of 100.

The stamp issue for Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika was withdrawn from sale in Tanganyika on December 8, but will remain available in the other two territories. The "Official" overprints of the same issue which were valid in Tanganyika only were also withdrawn at the same time.

5/- booklets, prepared by Harrison, containing the new Independence stamps were also released December 9. They consist of five panes of four stamps of the 10, 15, 20, 30 and 50c values.

And finally, coils of the 10 and 50c denominations have been ordered. The 50c coils, each containing 500 stamps are being prepared from strips from the current printing, but the 10c value in coils of 1000 will be from a special printing.

Canada—The recent announcement of sale of 2c and 5c definitives in sealed plastic bags will no doubt result in new additions to catalog listings.

In case you missed this notice, the Canadian Post Office has distributed to all branches two types of packets, one containing a block of twenty 5c definitives and the other holding two blocks of twenty-five 2c stamps.

Since the blocks are imperforate on all four sides they can be considered as miniature sheets, and as

such, are deserving of listing. The packets can be obtained from the Philatelic Section, Post Office Department, Ottawa for \$1 each (U.S. \$1.02).

New Guinea—A new 3/- value will be added to the definitive set early in 1962. It will be of the same size as the current 8d Plymouth stamp and will be recess engraved.

The approved design shows a native policeman on traffic duty in Port Moresby. Color, date of issuance and other details will be announced shortly.

Norfolk Island—The two new definitives previously announced are due for release early next year. The 2/5 is scheduled for February 5 and the 2/8 for April 9. They will replace the current provisionals of similar values.

A first day cover service will be provided by the Norfolk Island Post Office. The official cover, featuring a scene in color, will be available to philatelists and a special first day of issue cancel applied.

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All orders for FDC's accompanied by remittances should be addressed to the Postmaster, Norfolk Island.

Zanzibar—The 10c denomination of Zanzibar bearing the portrait of the new Sultan has been ordered in reels for use in vending machines. The reels are being prepared from strips of stamps from the current printing and will consist of 500 stamps each.

To the best of our knowledge this is the first time the territory has issued coils.

ATA Announces '61 Catalog Of Topicals

Stamps picturing various topical subjects that were issued by the governments of the world during 1961 total over 4000. These stamps are all arranged alphabetically by topics and countries under each topic in the new illustrated checklist to be issued January 1962 by the American Topical Assn.

Many thousands of stamps are listed by topics including the Scott '62 catalog numbers, numbers from the latest Scott's Monthly Journals after the 1962 catalog appeared and a brief topical description. This new handbook No. 32-A was compiled by O. Frank Freedman with ten years experience in such compilations. It is priced at \$1 or 10 IR coupons. A few copies of the topical listings for 1958-59-60, (12,000 total, in three books) are available for immediate delivery at \$2.50 for all three years.

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President, Philip W. Siney; vice president, Thomas F. Lentz; treasurer, John A. Watson; recording secretary, Tom V. Lentz; and corresponding secretary, Bertha Genault.

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NEW MEXICO STAMP
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GIRL SCOUTS OF U.S.A. MARCH 12, 1962" from January 1 through March 12: Falls Church, Va.; Livermore, Long Beach, and San Rafael, Calif.; Monticello, N. Y.; Medford, Ore.; and Holyoke, Mass.

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FIRST CHRISTMAS
(Continued from page 1)

three stars fused into one huge, bright star. At that moment, the Infant gave His first cry.

The light was so bright that it awakened the shepherds who lived in carved apartments in the hills. In terror they listened to the words of an angel who floated over the valley. "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy . . . Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

So the shepherds, too overjoyed and excited to delegate someone to watch their herds, followed the star to the city and sought the Messiah. On timid feet they approached Him, coughing in their embarrassment. They knelt before the manger, murmuring prayers, piously clasping their hands before their chests.

Far away, among the many men studying the blue-white star that night were the Magi, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They were rich Persian philosophers and astrologers, the wise men of their country.

They consulted ancient Greek, Persian, and Hebrew tracts to try to interpret the message. When they agreed that it heralded the coming of a Savior in Israel, they left their tents to follow it . . .

They offered up their gifts: a packet of gold dust, a jar of frankincense and one of myrrh. Then they departed, turning their camels east to Persia . . . Thus came the first Christmas, almost 20 centuries ago.

Do we celebrate the exact date of Christ's birth? November 17, March 28, May 20, and April 19 were some other days believed to be correct. Since 354 A.D., when Pope Liberius fixed the date, Christmas Day has become accepted as December 25.

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program produced by it will be carried on many stations and networks that are normally closed to Gospel broadcasting.

In past years these Christmas "specials" have even been aired on government networks in six Soviet satellite lands. They have a tremendous potential audience, including oppressed Christmas behind the Iron Curtain and people who might never hear of the Christ-child in any other way.

Last year's special program, "Christmas with Marian Anderson", was considered the most extensive single broadcast ever made.

Many of the customs we observe at Christmas time today come from pagan rites to the sun. Ancient peoples in Egypt, Persia and southern Europe all worshipped the sun. Since their lives and livelihood depended on its course, they held elaborate ceremonies to their sun gods at the winter solstice.

In the north the sun grew weaker and farther away in mid-December. The people held feasts and built great bonfires to bring it back to life. The idea of the sun's return in early winter was fused with Christ's coming as the Light of the World.

The Druids worshipped the mistletoe, gathered it in special ceremonies, and hung it in their homes. The Saxons used holly, ivy, and bay. These customs later clustered around the celebration of Christ's birthday. Burning the yule log in England and lighting candles became part of the Christmas celebration.

Who lighted the first Christmas tree? The Romans may have started the idea when they hung a fir tree with lit candles at their annual Saturnalia—a week-long winter festival dedicated to the sun god. They decorated their homes with green boughs and exchanged presents.

Accounts persist that Martin Luther introduced the tree lighted with candles as a Christian observance. The Christmas tree was introduced in America by German Lutheran immigrants in the 1840's. The evergreens came to mean our eternal salvation through Christ. The gifts symbolize God's great gift to mankind—His Son, Christ.

Hymns and chants in Latin were the music of the early Christmases, and not until the 13th century were carols sung. These new songs were written in every European language, in festive yet familiar style. Today Christmas is rich in carols and bells, candles and gifts, evergreens and fires—all to celebrate Christ's birth.

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Of course you can get into an argu-
ment as to just how important one
break is and how uniform another
is.

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to get the most out of the printing
plates. We don't think they are this
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The Opera On Stamps

John S. Papa
PART III

Thus far in two instalments of this series on "The Opera on Stamps" we have discussed a few of the many close ties which exist between the two areas, and have pointed out a long list of stamps which cement this association.

In Part II we considered among others the recent West German "Hansel and Gretel" set of four semipostals, the "Big Five" composers of Russian opera, and the tragic case of French poet Andre Chénier who was later made the subject of an opera of the same name, by Giordano. We now continue with:

Donizetti, Gaetano (1797-1848) — Italy 508 and Trieste T34 appeared in 1948 to commemorate the centenary of the death of Gaetano Donizetti. His *Lucia di Lammermoor* is based on Sir Walter Scott's "The Bride of Lammermoor".

Like Lucia, Donizetti suffered tragic bereavement, his first son died as an infant in 1830, five years before Lucia. Within a few months of the Naples premiere in 1835 he lost his father, and two years later his wife.

Lucia practically represents Donizetti's own suffering and some of the very words of his heroine Lucia: "I am so wretched that death for me is a good thing, since it will bring me nearer to God"—are almost identical words that he wrote to his brother-in-law following the death of his wife.

These words were, "I shall be miserable until she intercedes with God for my death and our eternal union". (Act III "Lucia di Lammermoor".

Dr. John S. Papa, author of this interesting series on opera and stamps has pointed out that a line was missing from his December 11 instalment. There the first four lines of the continuation on page 7 should read "operatic triumphs, among them the premiere of Verdi's first opera *Oberto* and his last operas / *Otello* and *Falstaff*." The lost line of type (boldface) badly altered the original statement and true facts of the composer's career.

Bizet, Georges (1838-1875)—France 345 shows to left of Bizet's portrait the scores of *L'Arlesienne* and *Carmen*, the tambourine and fan of Carmen and the sword of Don Jose. The premiere was at the Opera Comique March 3, 1875; the American premiere was at the Academy of Music, New York October 23, 1878.

Beethoven, Ludwig van (1770-1827) —Czechoslovakia 529-31 in 1952 commemorated the International Music Festival held in Prague that year. Beethoven is also honored by stamps from Austria, Germany, Saar, and Hungary.

His depiction on Czechoslovakia 529-31 is how I prefer to remember him from his various portraits. The high forehead, disheveled hair, fiery determined expression and penetrating eyes, all reveal his restless soul.

Though unable to find an ideal wife in reality, he finally created her in his only opera *Fidelio*. In one of his sketch books (1810-1818) he expressed his endless search for a wife, a quest never to be fulfilled.

"Love only yes, love alone can give the happier life—O, God let me find her, her at last, who fortifies me in virtue and who may be mine in honor". It is believed this passionate letter to the "immortal beloved" was to the late Countess Marie von Erdody, who became his mistress in 1810. Her influence and

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OPERA ON STAMPS (Continued from page 16)

23, 1885. Massanets also wrote many other operas, such as *Herodiade* (1881); *Le Cid* (1885); *Don Quichotte* (1910).

Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus (1756-1791)—Issued in 1956, the Belgian Congo B38 portrait (as I like to remember him) commemorates the 200th anniversary of his birth. Belgium, Russia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Bohemia-Moravia, France, Germany, Bulgaria, and Roumania have all honored him on stamps.

His greatest work is *The Magic Flute*, where he reveals himself for the first time a German master, though his *Don Giovanni* is purely Italian. In all of Mozart's later works such as *The Magic Flute*, *Titus*, the *Requiem* and others he expressed the idea of humanity and brotherly love.

Czechoslovakia has issued two stamps with a picture of Mozart's harpsichord and the dates of his birth and death. Two more are attached to the label showing the opening bars of the overture to *Don Giovanni* with the date of the world premiere—October 29, 1787, appearing beneath the music. Attached to this is the Prague opera.

Austria 609 reproduces an unfinished painting of Mozart by his brother-in-law Josef Lange.

It is interesting to note the symbolic Masonic influence clearly detected in *The Magic Flute*. For example the main theme of the overture expresses the hewing of the

"works stone"; the three chords in E flat stylize the Masonic salute while the speaker, or high priest, is taken bodily from the Masonic ritual.

Serving in the Anglo-American lodges as senior warden, the No. 3, sacred digit of Masonry, is exemplified by the three ladies and three genii and finally the line up of 18 priests (reference to the 18th degree of the Masons).

In the very first finale, the three genii led Tamino into the Masonic sphere song "Be silent, steadfast and forbearing" while the theme of nights of initiation, death and reincarnation appears in manifold shapes in the folklore.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the fairy tale opera *The Magic Flute* embodies, in dramatic form, the ritual and practices of free masonry. Mozart was unique as an opera composer in his time—a past master of every form of musical expression. His music was precise, organized, complete, perennially inventive, chiefly creative and totally innocent of labor and contrivance.

His masterly polyphonic technique raised his ensembles to a symphonic height without equal in the whole range of opera. Nietzsche stated it beautifully by saying, "What is good is easy; everything divine runs on light feet."

Chabrier, Alexis (1841-1894) France B131 shows the nine opening bars of the (Wagnerian in character) opera *Gwendoline*. It was first performed in Brussels April 10, 1886.

Der Ring des Nibelungen (The Ring of the Nibelung) is the result from many sources of Norse mythology and legends. Most of the material comes from the original German Nibelunglied which was absorbed with Wagner's variations into *Gotterdammerung*.

The City of Worms, Germany has a legendary connection with the story of Nibelunglied, and an examination of the fifth century history of this city reveals it to be the site of the Northern mythology.

In the city itself there is further proof of its connection with the Nibelunglied by a painting in the Mint, in the market place showing Siegfried's fight with the dragon.

The Nibelunglied is a great medieval German epic of unknown authorship containing traditions which refer to the Burgundians at the time of Attila (called Etzel in the poem) and mythological elements pointing to heathen times. Wagner based his "Ring" on the Nibelund legends.

In 1926 Austria released a "Nibelungen Issue" which depicts certain

mythological scenes from the Nibelunglied and most of this material was incorporated chiefly into *Gotterdammerung* by Wagner.

For example, B71 shows Brunnhilde accusing Kriemhild (Gutrune); B74 shows nymphs telling Hagen the future; B75 shows Rudiger von Bechelaren welcoming the Nibelungen; and B76 shows Dietrich von Bern vanquishing Hagen.

The Ring of the Nibelung is a music drama consisting of four operas, though it is called a trilogy since the first of these, (1) The Rhinegold, was intended by Wagner to act as a prologue to the other three works: (2) Die Walkure, (3) Siegfried and (4) Die Gotterdammerung (Twilight of the Gods).

The Ring actually represents the restoration of man by reclaiming his dignity through love and renunciation of greed. The premiere of the entire cycle took place on August 13, 14, 16, and 17, 1876.

The American premiere, at the Metropolitan Opera, came on March 4, 5, 8, and 11, 1899. Wagner's Ring is represented on stamps by Germany B51 (Rhinegold), B53 (Walkure), and B54 and B-M 87 (Siegfried).

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"We are certainly glad you can our 'wanted' ad only once (November 27) when we asked for parcels of cheap stamps," wrote Marshall H. Steele, Box 553, Pacific Grove, Calif. recently. He added that he has enough, and then some of the desired material, and that it will take a month to go through it and settle with all the senders. "Your patience, please," he pleads.

A modest 25c in stamps will bring a copy of Pierson Ostrow's new "San Marino Booklet" which offers wide coverage on the stamps and related material of that country. A similar sum will bring his listing on Italy 1901-45, Italian Republic, or Vatican City. A new booklet on Trieste A and B Zones is expected in January. Mr. Pierson's address is Box 57, Burlington, Vt.

A recent addition to Linn's long list of happy auction sale operators was the appearance of N. George Drasin, 5116 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia 43, Pa. in two recent issues. Stampers who like to bid on some of the better U. S. and foreign material are advised to check the two-page Drasin auction in last week's edition or to write him for a free copy of it.

With the rapidly rising popularity of the stamps of Japan new sources are becoming available for collectors to obtain desirable material right at the source. One popular Japanese dealer now becoming well known in the States is Miss Fumiko Takamura, 1-567 Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan. A note will bring her latest price list of her many classified column offerings.

Striking Invitations
To Glen Ellyn Party

"Never on Christmas" was the decision of the Glen Ellyn Philatelic Club, so its next meeting will be on Thursday evening December 28 instead of on the usual 25th. It will be a Christmas party at the Community House in Glen Ellyn, Ill. where the club regularly meets on the fourth Monday evening of each month.

There will be prizes, gifts and decorations—all the trimmings of a holiday party including refreshments. A very interesting program will follow.

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Linn's of November 14, 1960 reported how the idea was first considered of selling remainders of various earlier stamps in order to raise funds.

The edition of last October 2 featured the details of one scheme, involving an exchange of such postal paper for second-hand automatic machinery for speeding up mail handling in the post offices at Quito and Guayaquil.

The stamps involved have been variously mentioned as 33 to 36 million Sucres in face value (\$650,000 to \$708,000), and the equipment supplier was listed as "International Communications Associated, Inc. of New York, N. Y. (No firm of this name could be located there, but one of similar designation, with a Fifth Ave. address, is engaged in trade with Ecuador).

According to this latest advice from that nation, Director General of Posts Modesto Ponce has announced the suspension of negotiations for the equipment.

He acted both because of the unfavorable terms of the contract, and also because he has decided that much can be accomplished by reorganizing post office methods and by rehiring many employees who had been dropped by an earlier administration.

The Director General had also discussed the matter and its philatelic implications with representatives of the Philatelic Assn. of Guayas. He was aided in arriving at his decision by the recommendations of this body.

Scott International,
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Joseph M. Arnstein, senior vice president of Esquire, Inc., in charge of the Scott Publications division, has announced the availability at retail since December 15th of two important new Scott items:

The "International Part V" album covering all of 1960 through the 1962 catalog will be sold in a binder matching Parts I through IV binders at \$11, or as pages only for \$7.

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Richard S. Bohn, who passed away in 1956, was the founder and organizer of Aero Philatelists which was incorporated in 1946. He held membership card No. 1 in the organization.

He was also president of The Collectors Club in 1948 and for several consecutive terms. He was chairman of the FIPEX exhibition in New York in 1956.

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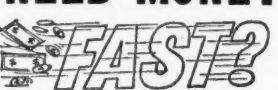
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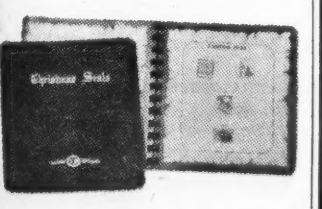
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Anti-TB Sextet From Belgium

December 4 was day of issue in Belgium for that nation's customary set—this year a sextet—of Anti-TB semipostal stamps. As in the past, the surcharges on the several values devolve to the National Belgian Project for Defense against Tuberculosis and other organizations of a charitable nature.

This year the general theme of "Mother and Child" is stressed, with the first three designs depicting paintings of famous artists featuring a mother and her small child, and the three higher values presenting three Madonna-and-Child creations of three more renowned painters. Heliogravure printing was executed by the Malines plant in sheets of 30 subjects, perforation 11½. "Priority" releases were made December 2 and 3; general sales began the fourth and will extend to the end of February.

Values and subjects are listed as 40c plus 10c, Mother and Infant (Pierre Paulus 1881-1959); 1 franc plus 50c, Mother Love (Francois-Joseph Navez, 1787-1869); and 2fr. plus 50c, Motherhood (Constant Permeke 1886-1952).

Also, the higher values, 2.50fr. plus 1fr., Virgin and Infant (Rogier van der Weyden c. 1399/1400-1464); 3fr. plus 1fr., Virgin with Apple (Hans Memling c. 1435-1494); and 6fr. plus 2fr. Virgin with Forget-Me-Nots (Pierre-Paul Rubens, 1577-1640). Printing is in one color per adhesive, inside a gold frame in each case.

No Hammarskjold Stamp In Sweden

The Swedish General Post Office of Sweden has announced that it will not issue a stamp in honor of Dag Hammarskjold, at least in the near future, according to Linn's Gothenburg correspondent Axel Miltander. In answer to specific questions submitted by him, officials commented as follows:

The custom in Sweden has been to honor philatelically only persons who have been dead for considerable periods of time and whose places in history have been well established by the passage of time. Officials were willing, however, to make an exception in the Hammarskjold matter, and so advised the Hammarskjold Fund.

A special semipostal would be issued if that Fund so desired, with the surtax devolving to the Fund for its use. It was advised further that this would have to be a suitable, engraved stamp; that both overprints and "production" methods—offset, for example—would not be considered.

"The middle of next year" was given as the estimated time of release of a Hammarskjold semipostal the Post Office Department added, if one should actually be scheduled.

The Hammarskjold Fund replied in turn that while it appreciated the official position, it had no urgent needs of the moment and that its activities will probably be closed out by mid-year.

This led to a reappraisal of the entire Hammarskjold stamp situation be the POD officials who took up the consideration of a regular or commemorative stamp during the summer.

The consensus was that the De-

3 Commems Note Railroad In Mexico

Newly released in Mexico, according to Ralph E. Ogden, Box 221, Cuernavaca, Mor., Mexico is a set of three commemoratives in tribute to the Chihuahua-to-the-Pacific Railroad line.

The route has connections at the former city for El Paso and Presidio, Texas, with the other end on the mainland across the Gulf of California from the lower end of the peninsula of that name.



The low value 40c green and black features a tunnel, with the caption that there are 71 more of them on the route; the other two designs are airmails.

The 60c bluish gray shows a railroad cut through rugged terrain, with a dark green outline map of Mexico and the route superimposed. The 70c dark gray and dark blue features one of the 48 bridges on the line, with a transport plane in the left background.

partment should follow the accepted practice and look toward issuing a Hammarskjold stamp "later in the future", possibly on an anniversary date.

Thus the matter rests for the present, with no indication as to whether "anniversary date" implies that of the birth or death of the late Secretary General of the United Nations.

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The seven designs show central figures and events associated with the case, with King Alfonso XIII of Spain on the 1c and the presidents of the two Central American countries on the high value one Lempira.

All seven adhesive are airmails. Quantities run from 300,000 of the high value to a million of each of the four lower denominations. Printing was by De La Rue, London; values are 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50c and 1L. Colors and other details are not available.

Connecticut Club Has 1961 Postcard Almanac

The 1961 Connecticut Post Card Almanac has been published by the Connecticut Post Card Club. The Almanac contains 40 pages of interesting articles by club members; check lists, post card sources, news, roster, several free cards, and a special cover.

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Mr. Strathdee explained that the cards were stockpiled in anticipation of a nuclear attack. One type of card would simplify the task of delivering the mail to bombed-out citizens. The other would relieve family worries and help maintain morale across the country.

countries of South and Central America, West Indies and Mexico \$3; Portugal, Spain and Colonies, \$2; Romania and Russia, \$2; Scandinavia, Baltic Countries—Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Greenland, Danish West Indies, \$1.

Collectors can obtain the new editions at stamp and coin departments at leading department stores and at dealers throughout the country. Each catalog covers the specific countries mentioned as well as the "fringe" areas normally associated with them.

Egyptian Single For Alexandria Art Show

The fourth biennial art show which was opened at Alexandria, Egypt December 14 was noted on that day by the release of a 10 mils commemorative of light brown color. The design shows an artist's palette and brush over a map of the Mediterranean area.



Photogravure printing—two million examples on Multiple UAR in Arabic and English watermarked paper—was executed by the Survey of Egypt, after a design by S. R. Michael which was engraved by Edmondo Calavis.

The regularly held affair which includes painting, engraving, sculpture, and other arts has been highly successful in the past as an art project. In addition, it serves to bring together and consolidate the arts of the various Mediterranean area countries, especially those of the Arab sphere.

Romanian Ten-Value Tribute To Olympics

A set of ten Olympic stamps was recently released in Romania, reports the Stampex Co. of White Plains, N. Y. Four stamps show Romania designs of 1956 and 1960, with the other six featuring the gold medals awarded at the Melbourne and Rome Games.



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A Classic Study In A Popular Field

"The Paid Markings on the 3c U.S. Stamp of 1861"

by George W. Linn

As the title indicates, this study is confined to one stamp, the 3c of 1861, and one type of cancellation, the word "PAID" with or without other ornamentation. In the more than 100 such marks, Mr. Linn presents 90, with their pedigrees and places of use, not previously recorded. So it can be seen that quite a bit of original research went into the writing.

The author has separated the PAID types into twelve different categories depending on their appearance. Each is illustrated, fully described, with the known towns of use listed.

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The postoffice sheet consists of 15 stamps with five descriptive tabs adjacent to the bottom row, according to details supplied by the Israel Philatelic Agency in America, New York City.



The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, which has been called "Israel's most cherished cultural possession", is celebrating its 25th anniversary in December.
It was founded in 1936 by the eminent violinist, Bronislaw Huberman, with the main aim of salvaging Jewish musicians who had been forced through Nazi oppression to leave their posts. Comprising 72 musicians from 14 different countries when formed, it now numbers 104.
On December 26, 1936 Arturo Toscanini conducted the inaugural concert in Tel-Aviv. He returned the following year, and since that time the most celebrated conductors and soloists have appeared with the Orchestra, while Israel artists and the works of Israel composers always find an honored place in the programs.
The international stature of the Orchestra has been confirmed by its several foreign tours. In 1951 the group toured the United States and Canada; in 1955 it toured nine countries in Europe while in 1959 it appeared at the Athens Musis Festival and at the beginning of 1960 it made a tour of the neighboring island of Cyprus.
In the autumn and winter of 1960 the Israel Philharmonic undertook its most ambitious project, making a round the world tour which took it from France to the U.S.A., through Canada and Mexico and then through Japan and India. It was acclaimed everywhere as an outstanding cultural accomplishment of the State of Israel.
The place that the Orchestra holds in the life of Israel itself is shown by the fact that all the subscription concerts in the three main cities of Tel-Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa are sold out at the beginning of each season and that the Orchestra can count no less than 25,000 subscribers throughout the country.
Important in the musical life of the country and of the Orchestra was the opening in October 1957 of the Frederic R. Mann Auditorium in Tel-Aviv. There after 21 years of "wandering" the Orchestra at last has its own home, where the majority of its concerts take place.

End-Of-Year Single And Set From India
The centenary of the Archaeological Survey of India by the national government was commemorated by the issue of two stamps on December 14. The denominations are 15np. (inland letter rate) and 90np. (airmail letter rate abroad).
The 15np., vertical in format, light brown in color, depicts Yaksha (Pitalkhora), a very valuable archaeological find.
The 90np. is light brown and gold green, horizontal format, depicting a seal (Kalibangan). 3,500,000 of the former and 1,500,000 of the latter denominations have been photographed printed.

Pandit Madan Mohan Malavia's birth centenary stamp will be blue gray, denomination 15np. photograph printed. It will be issued December 25 to coincide with his birth date December 25, 1961. The stamp features his portrait.
Pandit Malavia was born at Allahabad and had his early education at his birthplace. He became a schoolmaster and later practiced as a Vikil in the Allahabad High Court.
He was president of the Indian National Congress in 1909, 1918 and 1933, and was vice chancellor of the Benaras University. He died in 1946.
Stamps were printed on usual "Lion Capital of Asoka" watermark paper by Indian Security Press, Nasik, according to Dhurubhai Mehta, 29 Marine Lines, Fort Bombay 1, India.

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Atomic Sub. Swedish Line Cancels Soon

Linn's German columnist Joachim Dill of 874 Bad Neustadt, West Germany, has reported that cancellations will soon be available to collectors to note the christening of the U. S. nuclear submarine "Sam Houston" and various ports of call of the Swedish American Line's ships "Gripsholm" and "Kungsholm".

Stamped and addressed covers may be sent to the Officer in Charge, USS SAM HOUSTON (SSB (N) 609), c/o Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN, Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Newport News, Va. to be serviced with a special cachet on the January 25 day of its christening.

Outer envelopes or wrappers should be clearly marked to indicate that this servicing is desired.

The Gripsholm and Kungsholm are reported to plan using a special cancellation on all future mail posted on board. The device will feature the respective vessel and show its name and the date as well as "Post-on Board".

Suitably franked and addressed covers may be forwarded to the Purser, MS (name of ship), c/o Swedish American Line, 636 Fifth Ave., New York 20, N. Y. Mr. Dill warns that only Swedish franking is acceptable, at the rate of 40 ore per cover.

He added, with reference to the new German country-wide zoning system mentioned in his column last week, that the Nuremberg Christkindl cancellation was not in the new style although it does carry a "6". The actual first example was from Nuremberg BPA of December 6 or 7, showing the "85 Nurnberg" designation with the nation-wide zone number before the city name.

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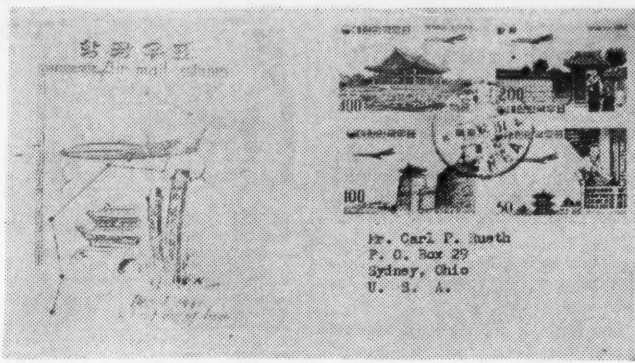
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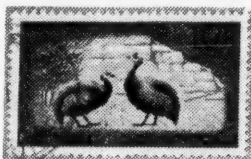
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FOUR NEW AIRMAIL REGULARS appeared in Korea December 1, according to first day covers and general information received from William J. Rhee, Box 1220, and Song Kee Choo, Box 1109, both of Seoul, Korea. Each value is in two colors and shows a modern jet transport flying over a native scene with the sky in light blue or green in each case. Values and principal colors are 50 hwan lavender, 100h. brown, 200h. bright brown, and 400h. green.

"Animal Protection" Overprints In Guinea

The Republic of Guinea has announced the December 8 release of a set of six stamps of the Antelope series overprinted for the benefit of area animal life.



Values are 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, and 75 francs "Antelopes" surcharged throughout "pour la protection des animaux (plus) 5 francs".

Earlier—November 13—six values in one design were issued showing a pair of native Guinea fowl. The birds are black in each case; values and background colors are 5fr. purple, 10fr. orange brown, 25fr. deep pink, 40fr. dark ochre, 50fr. light ochre, and 75fr. pale green.

Sanskrit Added To AAMS Language List

Even Sanskrit will be converted into English for the membership of the American Air Mail Society, Dr. James J. Matejka Jr., stated recently in announcing the establishment of a new translation service for members of that national organization.

Dr. Matejka also announced the appointment of Roland F. Kohl, 350 E. 30th St., New York City as head of the new facility. Mr. Kohl is of Swiss parentage and was trained from youth in French and German as well as English. He will, of course, delegate the other languages to other members of his committee.

Not only will letters and short items, such as catalog entries be translated, but postmarks as well will be processed—an unusual factor in services of this nature.

Information concerning the society is available from the secretary, Ruth T. Smith, 102 Arbor Rd., Riverton, N.J.

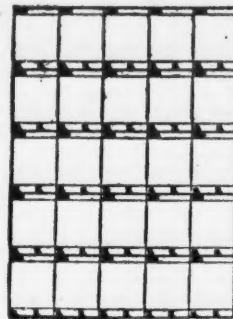
Midwest Stamp, Coin Show Due In Mid-March

The dates for the Ninth Midwest Postage Stamp and Coin Show have been announced by the show manager, Anthony C. Russo, 22 W. Madison, Chicago 2, Ill., as March 16-18, 1962. It will be held at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago.

The Morrison Hotel location proved to be a successful choice for last year's show, and a similar performance is expected in 1962. The inclusion of coins to supplement the display of stamps is also being repeated.

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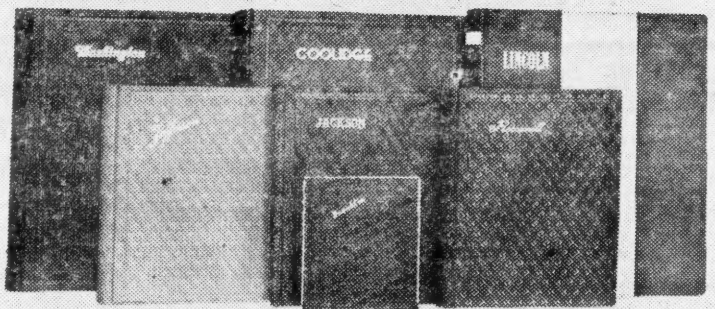
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HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID FOR
stamps. Collections accumulation and
dealer stock. Check by return air mail
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STILL PAYING FACE PLUS 3% PER
100 for 3c and 4c mint plate blocks col-
lectible condition quantity unlimited.
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fairest guaranteed offer. Carl Lipton,
Attorney, 940 Lincoln Road Miami Beach,
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used and mint, singles, sheets, miniatures,
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memoratives, off paper, packed 100 alike.
We can use anything in used U.S., in
any quantity. Buying list free. Palm Stamp
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(33-tf*)

LARGE SIZE FOREIGN PICTORIALS AND
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4% discount. Higher denominations 8%
Prompt remittance. Plate Blocks, Inc.,
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WE NEED U.S. AND BNA COLLECTIONS,
accumulations, plate blocks, better grade
singles, etc. What can you send us for
a fair price? Enkay Stamps, 36 Clinton
Avenue, Kearney, New Jersey (28-tf*)

40c/100 AND UP FOR LARGE USED U.S.
commemoratives against anything on our
price lists. Send 4c stamp for free
lists. Vosburgh, 115 Lake Drive, West Ches-
ter, Pennsylvania. (27-tf*)

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gently need accumulations, lots, better
grade collections, dealers' stocks, estates.
Send stamps for quick cash deal. Stamps
held pending your acceptance. 25 years
appraising experience. Fair deal guaran-
teed. Loidolt, 3811 Gunderson, Berwyn,
Illinois. (31)

STAMP SHOP URGENTLY REQUIRES FOR
extensive retail (not wholesale) counter
trade, good U.S., foreign collections, gen-
eral, specialized, accumulations, old cov-
ers, dealer stocks etc. \$10.00 minimum,
no maximum. Ship for top offer, im-
mediate payment. Shipments held intact,
references this paper. Huntington Stamp
Shop, 28 Gerard, Huntington 1, New
York (46-tf*)

WANTED

COLLECTIONS, ACCUMULATIONS, ODD
lots, dealers stock, mint and used U.S.
and foreign. Immediate payment. S. J.
Stevens, 7881 Filmore Street, West Hol-
lywood, Florida. Members: ASDA, APS.
(25-tf*)

U.S. AND BNA COLLECTIONS, ACCUMU-
lations, plate blocks, better grade singles.
Fair prices paid immediately. William
Mandell, 8912 Jensen, Houston, Texas. (29)

U.S. FREAKS AND ERRORS PERFORA-
tions off, smeared and dry prints, paper
folds etc., etc. Send anything at all in
this field. I can use anything odd. Marvin
Frey, 67-19 Beach Channel Drive, Arverne
92, New York. (34-29*)

PLATE BLOCKS - BETTER ISSUES AND
difficult plate numbers. Plate no. singles -
mint and used. Singles (non-plate) mint
and used, revenues and etc. Send stamps
with your price or send 10c stamps or
coin for buying list of the above. Rich
Blocks, Box 10031, Norfolk 13, Virginia.
(45-tf*)

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\$50 minimum by collector at top prices.
Write Joseph Kelley, 36 Home Street,
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packets to stores - exclusive territories.
The Jennings Company, 1502L Grand Cen-
tral Station, New York 77, New York. (31)

WE BUY U.S. COMMEMORATIVES! SEND
stamped envelope for list of special offers.
Detee Stamps, 209 Pfeiffer, Akron 12,
Ohio. (34)

WANTED: CANADIAN COINS. ALSO KEY
date U.S. and British coppers. Large
price guide 25c. Marles Company, Dept.
LW, Station "A", Calgary, Canada. (35)

VERY FINE PLATE BLOCK COLLECTIONS,
accumulations, better numbers - all issues,
send complete inventory sheets. Gable
Stamp Service, 20814 Blackmar, Warren 1,
Michigan. (34)

PAYING C34 24898, 9 \$1.00; ALSO
C36 23671, 2 \$1.25, C49 25763, 4 \$8.00
C39 25421, 2 70 C51 26444, 5 40
C46 24594, 6 60 C60 26385, 6 50
C48 25041, 2 105 Credo 26489, 60
R. Rabinowitz, 116 Blachley, Stamford,
Connecticut. (36-29*)

PROMPT PAYMENT FOR ENTIRE HOLD-
ings, estates. Collections, accumulations,
U.S. - Foreign. Correspondence invited.
(References APS-US Civil Service Annu-
tant). Baron, 5444 Arlington Avenue, New
York 71, New York. (24-tf*)

POYING \$1.80 PER 100 FOR 8c CHAMP-
ions or World Peace, mixed or sorted.
Paying \$2.90 per 1000 for other large
or Champion size commemoratives, mixed,
off paper, undamaged. Need others. List
for stamp. Loren Frazer, 1093 "D"
Street, Springfield, Oregon. (29)

LAND SCRIP FOR CASH. TOP PRICE FOR
any U.S. land scrip certificates issued be-
tween 1840 and 1910. Describe fully with
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Rainier, Avenue, Seattle, Washington. (36)

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under "Wholesale". (16-tf*)

U.S. ENVELOPES CUT SQUARES, COM-
mon varieties by the boxes or collections.
Send, cash immediately. Grant, 7986 Hard-
ing, Taylor, Michigan. (30)

CANAL ZONE-HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR
any quantity of singles, old or new. Com-
plete collections or whatever you have,
urgently needed. L. J. Spaulding, Box 847,
Balboa, Canal Zone. (27-tf*)

USED U.S. COMMEMORATIVES OFF PAPER
(large or Champion of Liberty size) we
pay 28 cents per 100 mixed. Also interested
in accumulations, lots, collections. Prompt
payment pending your acceptance. R. & R.
Stamps, Box 98, Carle Place, L.I., New
York. (38-tf*)

U. S. ENVELOPES STAMPS, BETTER COL-
lections, quantities. All old, better U.S.
Describe first. Swift, Box 4152, Inglewood,
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MINT UNITED STATES POSTAGE, WITH
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for immediate cash payment. H. Moore,
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WANTED: PLATE BLOCKS (PARTICULAR-
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nies. Very fine Plates: 8c Bolivar-\$1.10,
8c Kosuth - 95c, Liberties: 11c - 40c,
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\$1.35, very fine - \$1.60, premiums for
scarce numbers. Haiti CB3-8 - \$10.00,
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(55-tf*)

WANTLISTS

YOUR LIBERIA WANTLIST SOLICITED.
Special 200 different Liberia \$15. Paul
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- References appreciated. Miller, 620 West
152 Street, New York 31, New York.

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lection of pictorial sets, short sets, topi-
cals, Br. Colonials, packets, free to dealers
only. Paul Ledermann, Box 265, Jackson
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Kiloware. Wholesale list free. Jakfun Com-
pany, Box 1032, Hong Kong. (48)

WHOLESALE UNITED STATES AND FOR-
eign Stamps on approval. Glassine En-
velopes, Supplies. Buying also. Doyle Phila-
telics, P. O. Box 11102, Kansas City 19,
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For covers miniature sheets multiple
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dison Place, Hokokus, New Jersey. (29)

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les, Sets, etc. Lowest prices, for 4c post-
age. Frankso, 5031 Queensberry, Baltimore
15, Maryland. (34)

PACKET MATERIAL AUSTRALIA COM-
mems 10 different 2 1/2c in 100 lots NMU.
Soundshore, 929 Sixth, Union Beach, N.J.
(29)

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importer complete short mint used Packet
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Get 10 sets free with your request for
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wholesale approval! Send two, credit or
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ment WL, New Platz, New York (34-tf*)

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New York. (22-tf*)

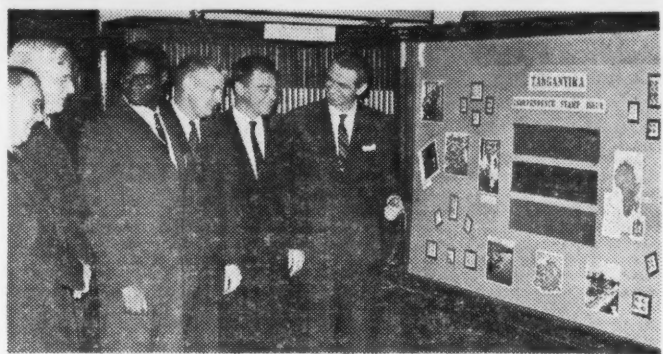
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Burkhart, Cincinnati 15, Ohio. (37)

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Latin-American/World sets. S/S. Lowest
prices. Pardo, 1631 Northwest 70 Ter-
race, West Hollywood, Florida. (31)

Unpopular Collector Makes FBI "Top Ten"

A highly unpopular collector—of
other people's property—who is
known to collect stamps as a hobby
to relieve the tensions of his daily
"occupation", has been made the
unwilling recipient of a special
title bestowed by the Federal Bu-
reau of Investigation.

Frank Eugene Alltop, a parole-
violating convicted armed robber
whose specialty is the shotgun
technique, was recently added to
the FBI's "Top Ten" list of most
wanted fugitives. He is specifically



A PREVIEW OF TANGANYIKA'S NEW SET of Independence De-
finitives was staged at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.
several days before the December 9 official first day of release abroad.
Shown above viewing the specially flown in display are (left to
right) Francis Welch and George Turner of the Smithsonian, Godfrey
Mingodo of the Tanganyika Broadcasting Corp., Theodore Ruhoff and
Francis McCall of the Smithsonian, and Kenneth Luke. He is the
adviser for East African students in North America.

charged with unlawful flight to avoid
prosecution (for armed robbery).

Alltop, 28, has been a fugitive
since 1959 when he and three other
prisoners broke out of the county
jail at Wayne, W. Va. where he
was waiting trial for a holdup near
Kenova, W. Va. The FBI says he
is considered very dangerous.

Police records show that he
stands between 6 feet and 6 feet, 1
inch in height and weighs between
170 and 180 pounds. His eyes are
blue, his complexion is fair.

Identification marks include two
tattoos: the name "Norma" on his
upper left arm, and his nickname
"Stub" on the upper right arm.

In addition he has scars on his
right temple and chin. There are a
scar and a mole on his left temple
and another mole on his right cheek.
In the past he has worked as a
boiler worker, laborer and truck
driver. One of his hobbies is col-
lecting stamps.

APS Journal Plans '62 Diamond Jubilee

The American Philatelic Socie'y
is planning suitable 75th year fes-
tivities to mark the diamond jubi-
lee of its official journal, "The
American Philatelist" which will
take place early in January.

The first issue of this authorita-
tive organ was published at Altoona, Pa.
on January 10, 1887. At that time
the APS was known as the American
Philatelic Assn.

In subsequent years the name was
changed to its present designation.
However, from the very outset the
journal's name was never changed—
always remaining The American
Philatelist.

The first issue contained eight
pages and included the secretary's
report of December 18, 1886; news
of the membership; new issues in-
formation; the establishment of an
Exchange Department; and a report
of the Library Committee.

The first by-lined article appeared
in that initial issue. It was the start
of a series entitled "Official Postage
Stamps and Stamped Envelopes of
the United States", by C. F. Roth-
fuchs.

One ad in the journal offered the
1856 5c red brown, mint, for \$15,
and the 5c brown for \$3.50. Mint cop-
ies of the 1857 1c blue and 3c red
were 4c each; mint copies of the
1857 10c green and 12c black were
offered for 15c and 30c, respectively.

"Europa" Situation Slowly Clearing Up

The predicament in which both
collectors and dealers have found
themselves as a result of the 1961
Europa stamps confusion, and par-
ticularly that generated by the Ice-
land, Turkey, Liechtenstein, and San
Marino phases, is slowly clearing up.

That, in part, is the gist of a re-
port from Phil Attlee, 31 Huskisson
St., Liverpool 8, England, who found
himself heavily swamped in the
maelstrom of unfilled Postal Bureau
orders, heavy rationing, customer
impatience—and in instances custom-
er unfairness.

He has submitted documents show-
ing that his drafts to certain Postal
Bureaus had not been cashed, that
his orders in cases had been turned
down in full, and that only partial
shipments of stamps had been sent
him by other countries.

His Portugal sets, for instances,
were not posted by that country
until November 22!

Mr. Attlee added that many U. S.
patrons ignored his instructions for
making remittances, failed to include
any (or sufficient) return costs, and

in many instances included illegible
or incomplete addresses—or none
at all.

He added that truant Austria and
Liechtenstein are due "any day"
and that his plight is neither espe-
cially better nor worse than that of
most new issue serving agents. "A
little understanding, patience and
courtesy on the public's part," he
suggested, "will help all of us come
through this mess without too many
'bad times'."

Fake \$1 Bill Warning By Secret Service

The United States Secret Service,
Treasury Department, has announc-
ed discovery of the following coun-
terfeit notes bearing facsimile signa-
tures of Elizabeth Rudel Smith and
C. Douglas Dillon:

All are \$1 Silver Certificates bear-
ing various serial numbers. Specific
identifying features are: Series
1957A, Check Letter and Face Plate
No. B647, Back Plate No. 347; also,
in same sequence, 1935G, D8417 and
259; and 1935G, D8417, 6404.

No attempt was made to simulate
the red and blue fibers. The notes
are classified as deceptive.

On the first listed note, Washing-
ton's portrait has a slightly ragged
dark appearance. His upper lip is
almost solid black, as well as his
neck and ascot just below his chin
and his hair in the area of his right
ear.

On the second listed note Wash-
ington's eyes are poorly reproduced.
The detail and shading lines just
below the eyes are missing. On the
back of the note the letters "IN GOD
WE TRUST" and NOVUS ORDO
SECLORUM" in the Great Seal, as
well as the darker shaded areas of
the letters in the large "ONE" are
solid green.

Series 1935G notes do not have
"IN GOD WE TRUST" on the back.
The third listed note is associated
with the second listed note. How-
ever, it has the correct type back
plate design for series 1935G notes,
without the phrase "IN GOD WE
TRUST".

War Centennial Writer Asks Cataloging Help

Martin L. Wilson, 10926 Annette
Ave., Tampa 12, Fla. reports that
as a member of the new Civil War
Philatelic Society he has been as-
signed the project of cataloging all
cacheted covers pertaining to the
current centennial observances of
that era of our history.

He will welcome (and care for
and return) any examples sent him
by interested and cooperative cachet-
ed cover fans who have material
in this specific field.

His project includes printed cachets
with either typed or printed in-
scriptions, hand-drawn, rubber-
stamped or photographic cachets,
and those with typed cachets only;
also, event, color(s), cancel, frank-
ing, and printer.

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Scott No.			Scott No.			Scott No.			Scott No.			Scott No.		
354/73, without 371 Costumes	2.50		B165 Peace	.20		214/5 Trains	.80		131/44 Postage due overprint	4.00		J4 Postage Due	25.00	
374 Dollfuss	.30		B166 U.N.O. Anniv.	.40		216/25 Queen Wilhelmina	.95		145/58 Coat of Arms, etc.	5.75		J16/18 Postage Due	12.00	
375 Dollfuss	.30		B167/70 Pres. Renner	2.00		226/43 Overprint	4.50		159 Prince Louis II	2.00		J16/18 Postage Due same used	12.00	
376 Mother and Child	.20		B171/78 Anti-fascist propaganda	1.25		243A/243Q Numbers	.65		160/75B Scenes of Monaco	5.40		J21/26 Postage Due	.30	
377 Madonna	.15		B179/83 Race Horses	2.00		244 Post Horn	.05		176 Stadium Louis II	18.00		J21/26 Postage Due	11.00	
378/79 Workers	9.00		B184 Church	.10		245/61 Admirals	.25		177/81 Int. University Championship	1.00		J38/38A Postage Due	1.55	
380 Dollfuss	105.00		B185/88 Renner Sheet	275.00		262/76 London Print	.65		182/90 Prince Louis II	1.00		J38/38A Postage Due	1.55	
381 Mother and Child	.20		B189/98 Cathedral	1.80		277 Lion and Dragon	.05		191 Prince Louis II	1.20		J57/63 Postage Due	.80	
382/4 Steamships	.60		B199/206 Int. Sample Fair	1.15		282/3 Numerals	.20		192/3 Prince Louis II	.40				
385/7 Trains	.60		B207 Horse and Jockey	.05		286/301 Queen Wilhelmina	3.30		198/202-B93 Roosevelt	1.00				
388/9 Rose and Zodiac Signs	.20		B208/17 Diff. Scenes	.85		302/3 Queen Wilhelmina	.18		203 Prince Louis II	.40				
390/3 Overprints	.10		B218/23 Prisoners of War	.30		304/5 Queen Juliana	.25		204/08 Sport	.60				
398/402 Overprints	.50		B224 Olympic Emblem	.20		306/22 Queen Juliana	14.30		209/13 Nudes	.70				
403/04 Overprints	3.25		B225/34 Reconstruction Fund	.85		323/4 U.P.U.	.24		214/21 Views of Monaco	1.50				
405/23 Hitler Ovp.	5.00		B235/44 Flowers	.95		325/7 Queen Juliana	1.15		222/27 Prince Louis II	1.00				
432/50 Coat of Arms	.30		B245/51 Kunsterhaus	6.00		328/9 University of Leyden	.20		228/32 Views of Monaco	1.75				
451/54 Coat of Arms	.30		B252/59 Cathedrals	2.40		330 Overprint	.08		233/36 Prince Louis II	1.00				
455/81 Scenes	1.20		B260/63 Children	8.75		331 Miner	.10		237/44 Ships and plants	1.30				
482 Cultural meeting	.12		B264/67 Arms	4.50		332/5 Centenary of Postage Stamp	.40		245/6 U.P.U.	.70				
489 F. Grillparzer	.03		B267 Stamp Day	.40		336/9 Stamp Cent. Exhibition	1.45		247/52 Prince Rainier III	1.40				
490 F. Grillparzer	.03		B269/71 Arms	6.00		340/60 Queen Juliana	2.75		253/9 Prince Rainier III	1.00				
491 F. Schubert	.03		B272 Stamp Day	.45		361/4 High values	7.25		260 Prince Albert I	.80				
492/3 Surcharge	.50		B273/76 Workers	5.00		365 St. Boniface	.10		261 Goncourt Academy	.80				
495 Tel. Centenary	.05		B277 Laurel Branch	1.50		367 Flaming Sword	.08		262/73 Holy Year 1951	12.00				
516 C. M. Ziehrer	.10		B278 Stamp Day	1.85		368/9 Europa 1956	3.60		263/73 Same used	10.00				
517 F. von Amerling	.15		B279 Sculpture	1.40		370/1 Admiral de Ruyter	.20		274/5 Views of Monaco	.45				
518/33 Costumes	10.00		B280 Overprint	.45		372/3 Europa 1957	1.00		276/9 Prince Rainier III	1.00				
535 Pres. Renner	.50		B281/85 Lutheran School	1.20		375/6 Europa 1958	.45		280/2 Radio Monte Carlo	.50				
536 F. Gruber and J. Mohr	1.25		B286 Stamp Day	.30		377/80 NATO	1.50		283/7 Knight in Armor	1.40				
537 Johann Strauss	.65		B287 Overprint	.15		379/80 Europa 1959	1.50		288/91 Overprint	1.25				
538 Child Welfare	.60		B288/93 Patients	1.20		381/2 K. L. M.	.25		291A Perf. & Imperf.	6.40				
539 Esperanto Congress	.30		B294 Early Ferryboat	.45		383/4 Pioneers of Mental Health	.25		292/4 Philatelic Museum	.60				
540 St. Gebhard	.60		B295 Prisoner of War	.22		385/6 Europa 1960	.50		295/300 Olympic Games	.90				
541 Anton Bruckner	.60		B296 Stamp Day 1955	.30		387/8 Europa 1961	.30		301/2 Books	.30				
542 Johann Strauss, father	.50		B297 Stamp Day 1956	.30		B1/3 Combatting T.B.	6.00		303/5 Ship Hironelle II	.40				
546/51 Costumes	6.00		B298 Overprint	.20		B4/5 Symbols of Charity	2.70		306/8 Soc. St. Vincent	.40				
552/54 U.P.U. Anniv.	2.00		B299 Stamp Day 1957	.40		B6/8 Child Welfare Society	.75		309/11 St. Jean Baptiste	.40				
555 Karl Millöcker	1.00		B300 Stamp Day 1958	.30		B9/11 Arms of Netherland	.35		312/8 Grimaldi Arms	.20				
556/57 M. Daffinger, and A. Hofer	1.40		B301 Roman Carriage	.20		B12/5 Arms of Netherland	1.45		319/20 Views of Monaco	.80				
558/61 Costumes	6.00		B302 Proof under Magnifying Glass	.28		B16/20 Red Cross	2.40		321/24 Knight in Armor	.60				
563 Austrian Stamp Cent.	1.00		C1 Overprint	2.00		B21/4 Arms of Netherland	.90		325/27 Dr. Schweitzer	.90				
564 J. Madersperger	.35		C4/11 Icarus	2.25		B25/32 1928 Olympics	8.40		328/32 Knight in Armor	1.00				
566 K. Renner	.40		C12/31 Pilots and Planes	29.00		B33/6 Famous Men	1.25		333 25th Rally	2.00				
567 J. Lanner	.40		C32/46 Planes over diff. views	19.50		B37/40 Child on Dolphin	1.70		334/9 Prince Rainier III	1.50				
568 Schmidt	.60		C47/53 Diff. scenes	1.40		B41/3 Rembrandt	1.80		340/9 Jules Verne	2.00				
569 Boy Scout Emblem	.85		C54/60 Birds	18.00		B44/7 Four Seasons	1.70		350/2 Marion Year	.55				
570 W. Kienzi	.60					B48/9 For Cathedral at Gouda	3.25		353 Rotary	.25				
578 Von Ghega	.40					B50/3 Blind Girl	2.40		354/62 FIPEX	2.30				
579 J. Schrammel	.60					B54/7 Windmills	6.40		363/4 1956 Olympic	.80				
580 Vienna Zoo	.45					B58/61 Flowers	2.70		365 26th Rally	1.00				
581 Youth Camp	.40					B62/5 Church and Hospital	5.00		366/70 Grace Kelly Wedding	.25				
582 Lenau	.40					B66/9 Christmas Cheer	2.50		371/90 C49/50 Transportation	10.00				
583 School girl	1.80					B70/1 Queen Wilhelmina	1.50		391/99 Princess Grace	1.20				
587 Hugo Wolf	.60					B72 Queen Emma	.40		400/04 Knight in Armor	.70				
588 Pres. Korner	.75					B73/6 Poor Child	2.45		405/08 Diff. Views	2.00				
589 State Theater	.45					B77/80 Famous Men	2.15		409 Princess Grace and Caroline	.70				
590 Christmas Tree	.35					B81 Map of Netherlands	1.40		410 Order of St. Charles	.50				
591 von Schwind	.45					B82/5 Girl picking apples	1.60		411 27th Rally	.50				
592 von Rokitsky	.50					B86/9 Famous Men	1.80		412/22 Religious	1.70				
593 Wreath and Star	.40					B90/3 Cherub	1.35		423/9 Views, etc.	1.70				
594 Johann Michael Rottmayr	.35					B94/7 Famous Men	1.40		430/33 Knight in Armor	.70				
595 von Welsbach	.50					B98/102 Laughing Child	1.00		434 Princess Grace Hospital	.50				
596 Organ, Monastery and Cherub	.40					B103/07 Famous Men	1.15		435/6 UNESCO	.40				
597 Christmas Tree	.40					B108/12 Children with Flowers	.85		437 28th Rally	.55				
599 Arms of Austria	.35					B113/17 Famous Men	1.50		438/46 Flowers	1.70				
599/603 Anniv. of Liberation	1.80					B118/22 Child carrying Cornucopia	1.00		447 Refugee Year	.08				
604 State Treaty	.30					B123/7 Famous Men	1.10		448/53 Museum and Aquarium	.50				
605 Int. Free Trade Unions	.75					B128 Overprint	.50		454/9 1960 Olympic	1.00				
606/7 Opera House	.75					B129/33 Child with flowers	.35		460 29th Rally	.30				
608 U.N. Anniv.	.40					B134/8 Famous Men	.22		461 75th Anniv. of Postage Stamps	.09				
609 Mozart	.35					B139/43 Rembrandt Painting	.20		462/5 Prince Rainier III	.50				
610 Admission to U.N.	.40					B144/5 Netherlands legion	.60		466/9 Knight in Armor	.40				
611 Globe	.40					B148 Post Coach	.05		474/8 Palace of Monaco	.65				
612 Maps	.36					B149/53 Mother and Child	.20		479 Sphinx	.16				
613 J. B. Fischer von Erlach	.40					B154/8 Girl's head	.20		480 Town and Leper	.10				
614 Pres. Korner	.35					B159/63 Victims of World War II	.35		482 Respect for Life	.10				
615 Dr. Wagner-Jauregg	.20					B164/9 Diff. Princes	.40		483 30th Car Rally	.36				
616 Anton Wildgans	.16					B170/4 Merry-go-Round	.45		484 50th Anniv. of Rally	.36				
617 Postal Coach Service	.18					B175/9 Famous Men	.48		485/98 Diff. Cars	1.50				
618 Mt. Gashernbrum II	.20					B180/4 Children	.50		81 Red Cross	.15				
631 Badgastein	.40					B185/88 Church and palace	.50		82/8 Views of Monaco	75.00				
632 Plane over Austria	.18					B189/93 Children sports	.60		89/13 Same Overprinted	28.00				
633 Mother's Day	.20					B194/8 Boy Scout	.65		814/17 Overprint	7.00				
634 Song Festival	.20					B199/202 Flowers	1.00		819/23 Palace Gardens	11.50				
635 Dr. Redlich	.20					B203/07 Four Seasons	.80		824/5 Pierre and Marie Curie	1.80				
636 Pres. Renner	.20					B208/13 Resistance Monument, etc.	3.00		826/35 Princes and Princesses	27.00				
637 1958 Europa	.40					B214/8 Churches	3.15		836/50 Red Cross Overprint	14.00				
638 Austria Tobacco Monopoly	.20					B219/23 Baby & Bees	1.20		851/60 Symbol of Charity	5.00				
639 Archduke Johann	.15					B224/28 Historic Monuments	1.25		861/75 2nd Prince and Princess Set	3.00				
640/43 Animals	.85					B229/33 Girl and Windmill	1.80		876/84 St. Devote	2.60				
644 Haydn	.20					B234/37 Jan van Riebeeck	1.20		885/90 Children's Set	.95				
645 Coat of Arms	.15					B238/48 Flowers	1.50		891 Nurse and Child	.15				
646 Antenna	.22					B243/47 Girl and Dog	1.15		892 Stamp Day 1946	.10				
647/48 Ball Player, Runner	.30					B248 Flood Relief	.15		893 Roosevelt	.25				
649 Orchestra Instruments	.22					B249/53 Flowers	1.65		894 Prince Rainier S/S	2.50				
650 World Refugee Year	.20					B254/8 Red Cross	1.00		895 Stamp Day 1948	.10				
651 Pres. Scharf	.12					B259/63 Children & Pigeon	1.15		896/99 Red Cross	3.00				
652 Hikers and Hostel	.07					B264/68 Famous Men	1.20		Same S/S perf.	6.00				
653 Dr. Anton Eiselberg	.10					B269/70 Famous Men	.35		Same S/S imperf.	6.00				
654 Gustav Mahler	.10					B271/5 Playing children	1.20		C1 Overprint	3.00				
655 J. Prandtauer	.10					B276/80 Scenery of Amsterdam	1.00		C2/7 Plane over Monaco	1.50				
656 Gross Glockner Mt. Rd.	.14					B281/5 Microscope and Crab	.80		C8/9 Overprint	1.20				
657 1960 Europa	.40					B286/90 Famous Paintings	.80		C10/13 Twin-Motor Plane	2.40				
658 Carinthia	.12					B291/95 Famous Paintings	1.10		C14/15 Roosevelt	.50				
659 Fight for Freedom	.35					B296/300 1956 Olympics	1.00		C16/20 Int. Philatelic Expo. 1947	2.00				
660 Luposta 1961	.12					B301/05 Famous Paintings	.80		C21/6 Museum, etc.	4.80				
661 Europa Conf.	.22					B306/10 Ships	.90		C27/9 High values	.33				
662/5 Famous Paintings	.65					B311/15 Red Cross	.90		C30/3 U.P.U.	2.00				
666 Observatory	.14					B316/20 Girl's Portraits	.80		C34/5 Prince Rainier III	2.25				
667 Int. Banking Cong.	.26					B321/5 National Costumes	.80		C36/9 Helsinki Olympics	6.50				
668/72 Industry	.75													